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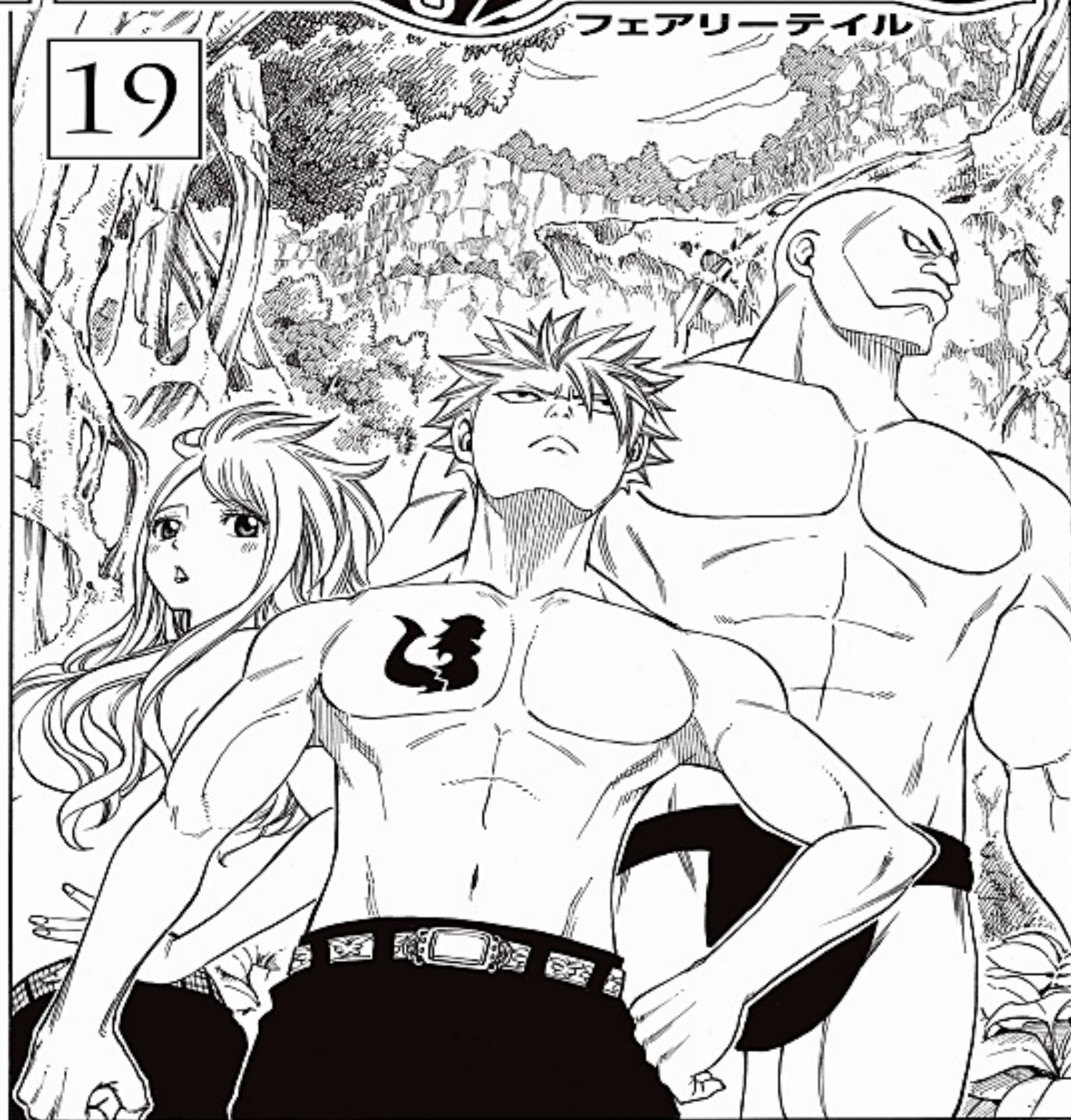


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**Chapter 153: Counter Attack in
the Middle of the Night**



Cait
Shelter
wizard
guild



CHATTER

What
?!

So the
allied forces'
mission
failed?!

Wait,
didn't
they have
both
Jura and
Erza?



DOTMP TMD TMD TMD

Every-
body,
this is
bad!!!

Nirvana is
heading
this
way!!!



GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

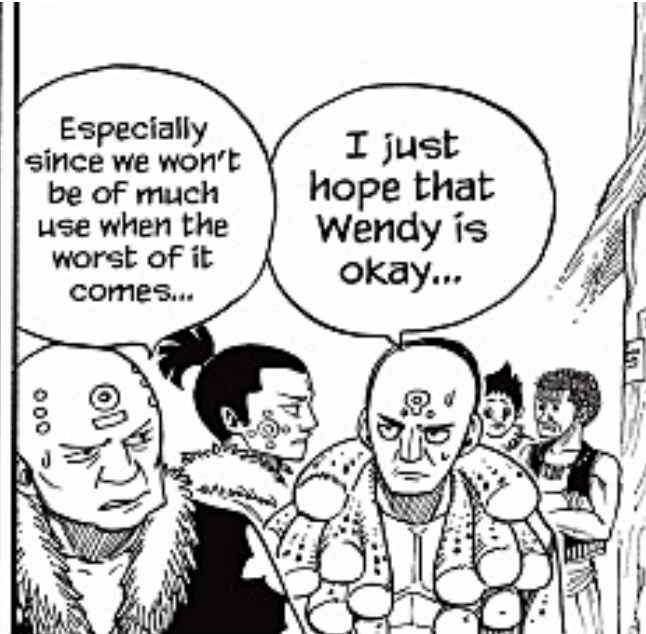
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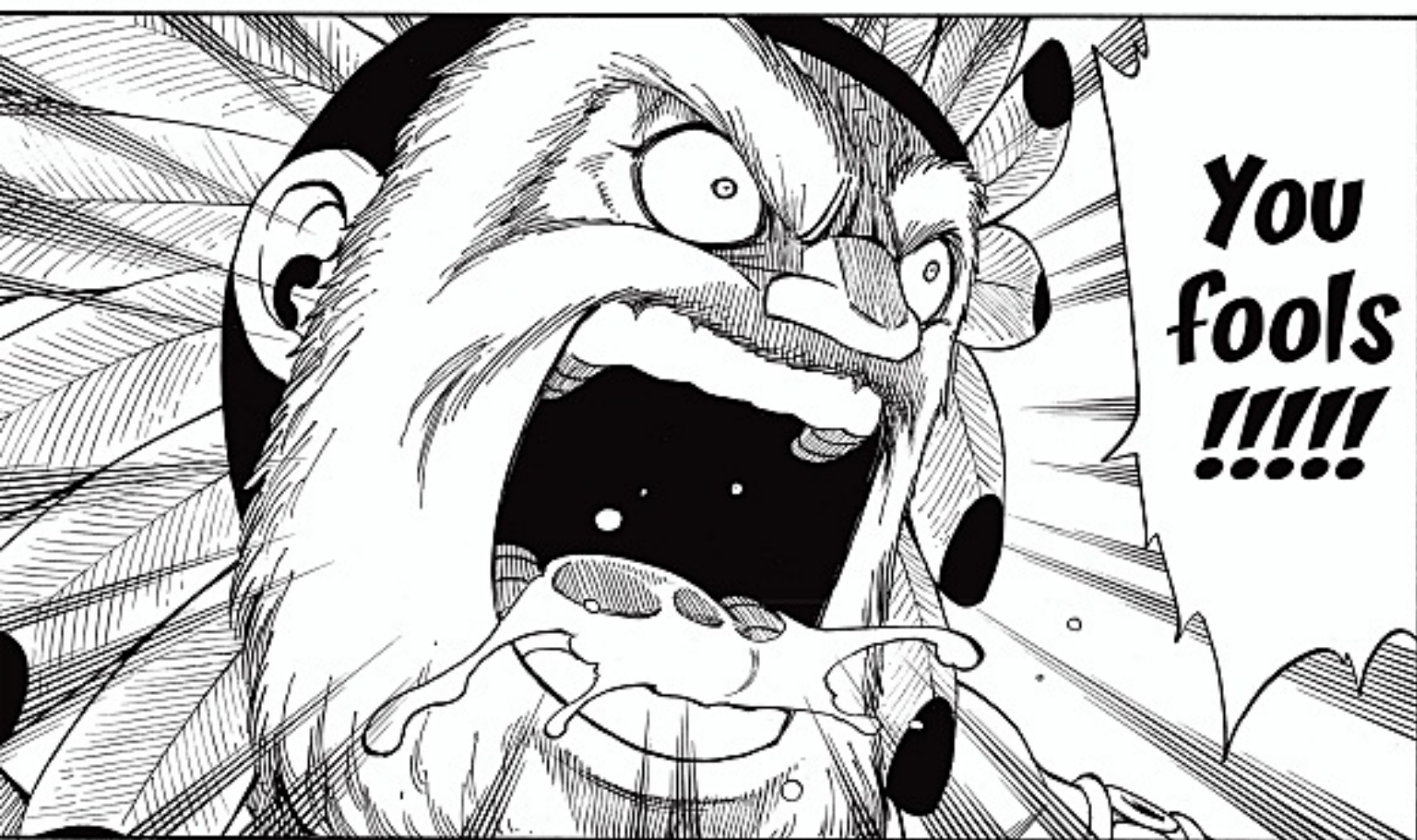


Nabura!

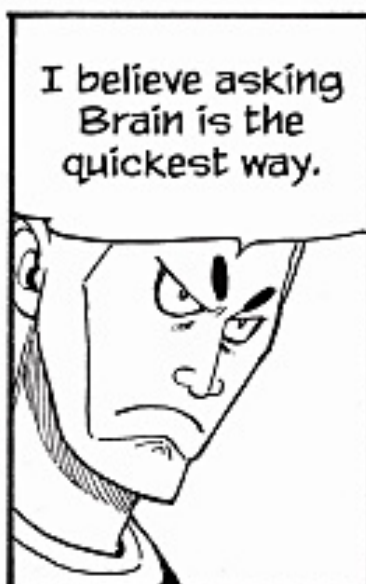
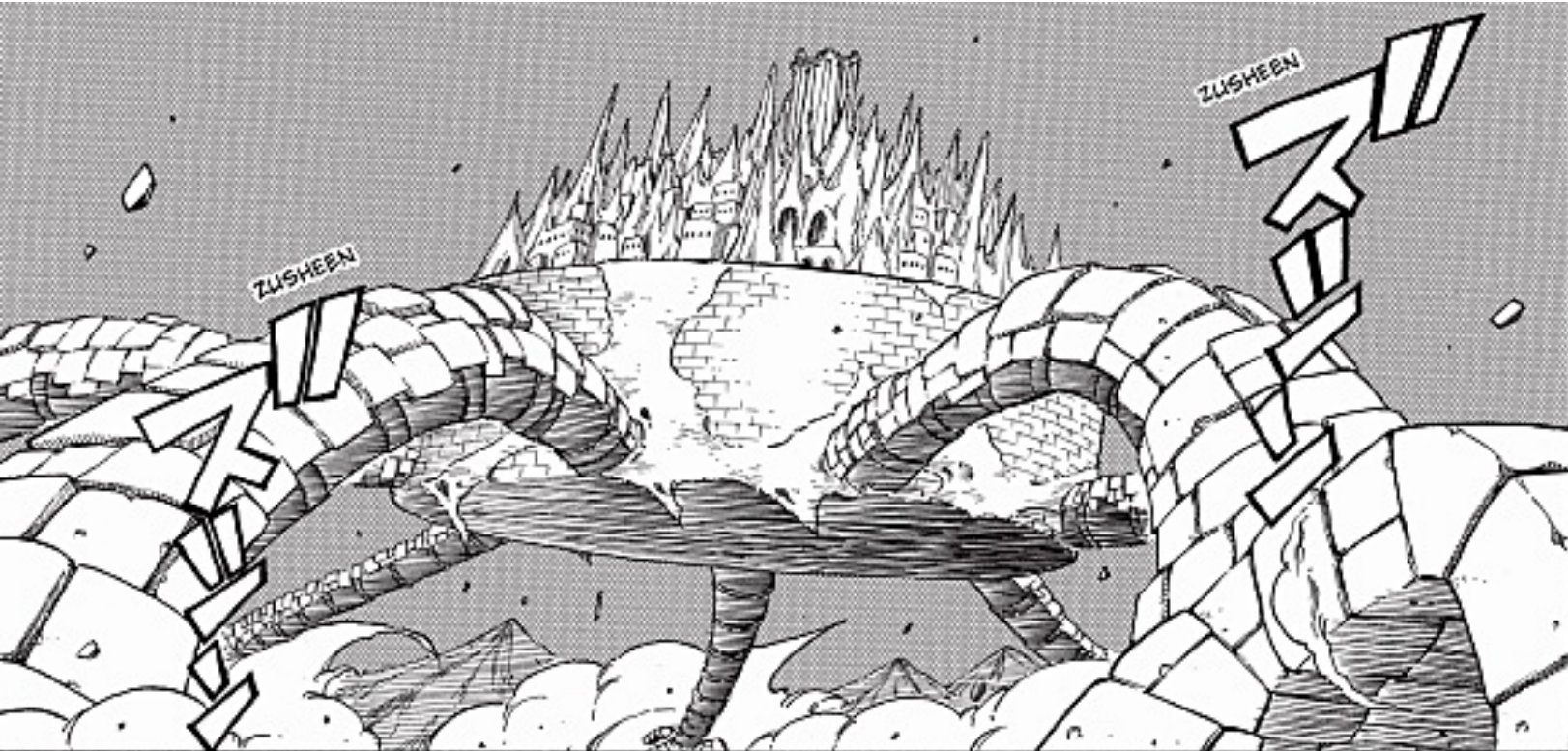
Master
!!!













AS I SUSPECTED,
I COULD NOT
STAND UP TO
MIDNIGHT.

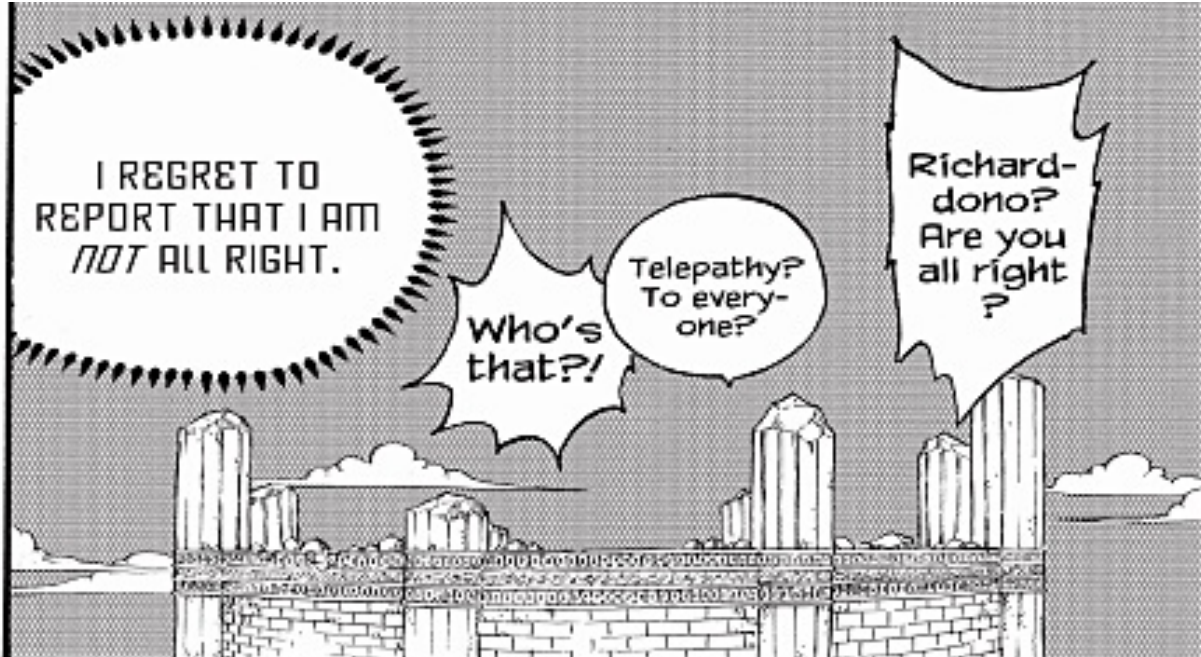


I REGRET TO
REPORT THAT I AM
NOT ALL RIGHT.

Who's
that?!

Telepathy?
To every-
one?

Richard-
dono?
Are you
all right
?



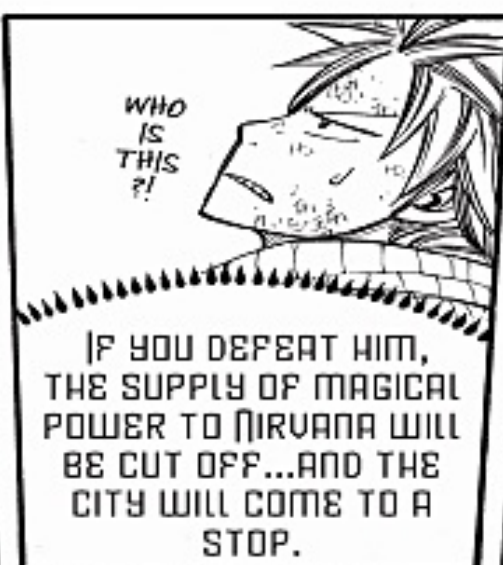
So this
thing is
moving via
organic link
magic?

Phew!



WHO
IS
THIS
?!

IF YOU DEFEAT HIM,
THE SUPPLY OF MAGICAL
POWER TO NIRVANA WILL
BE CUT OFF...AND THE
CITY WILL COME TO A
STOP.



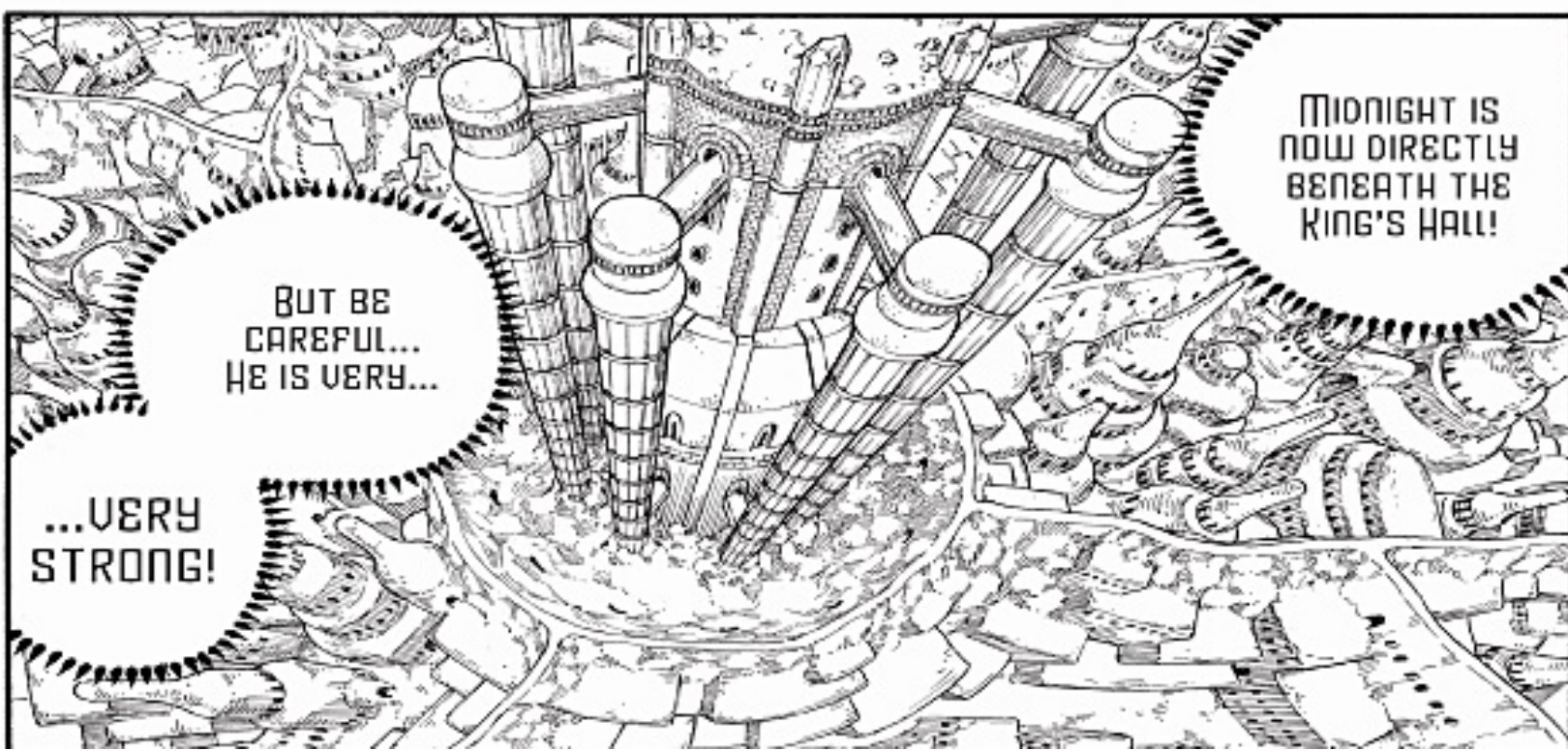
YOU NEED TO
COMBINE YOUR
STRENGTHS TO
DEFEAT MIDNIGHT.

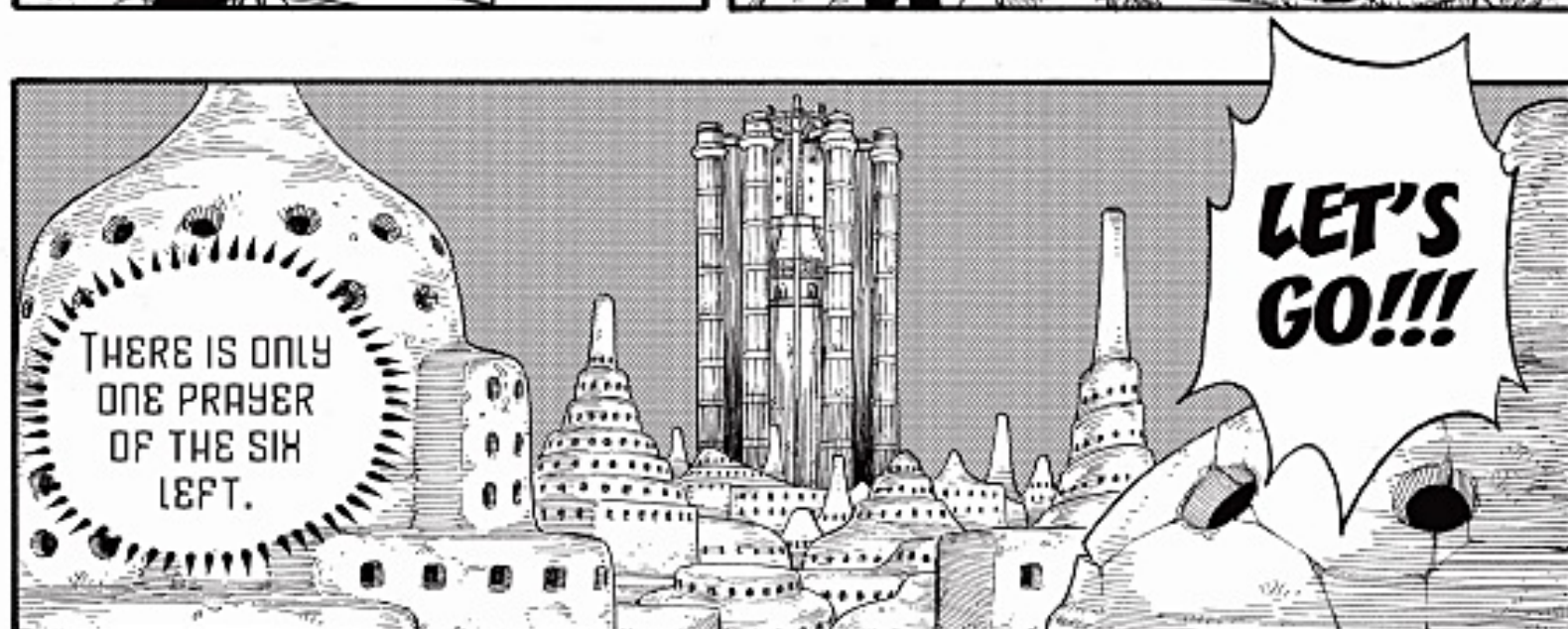


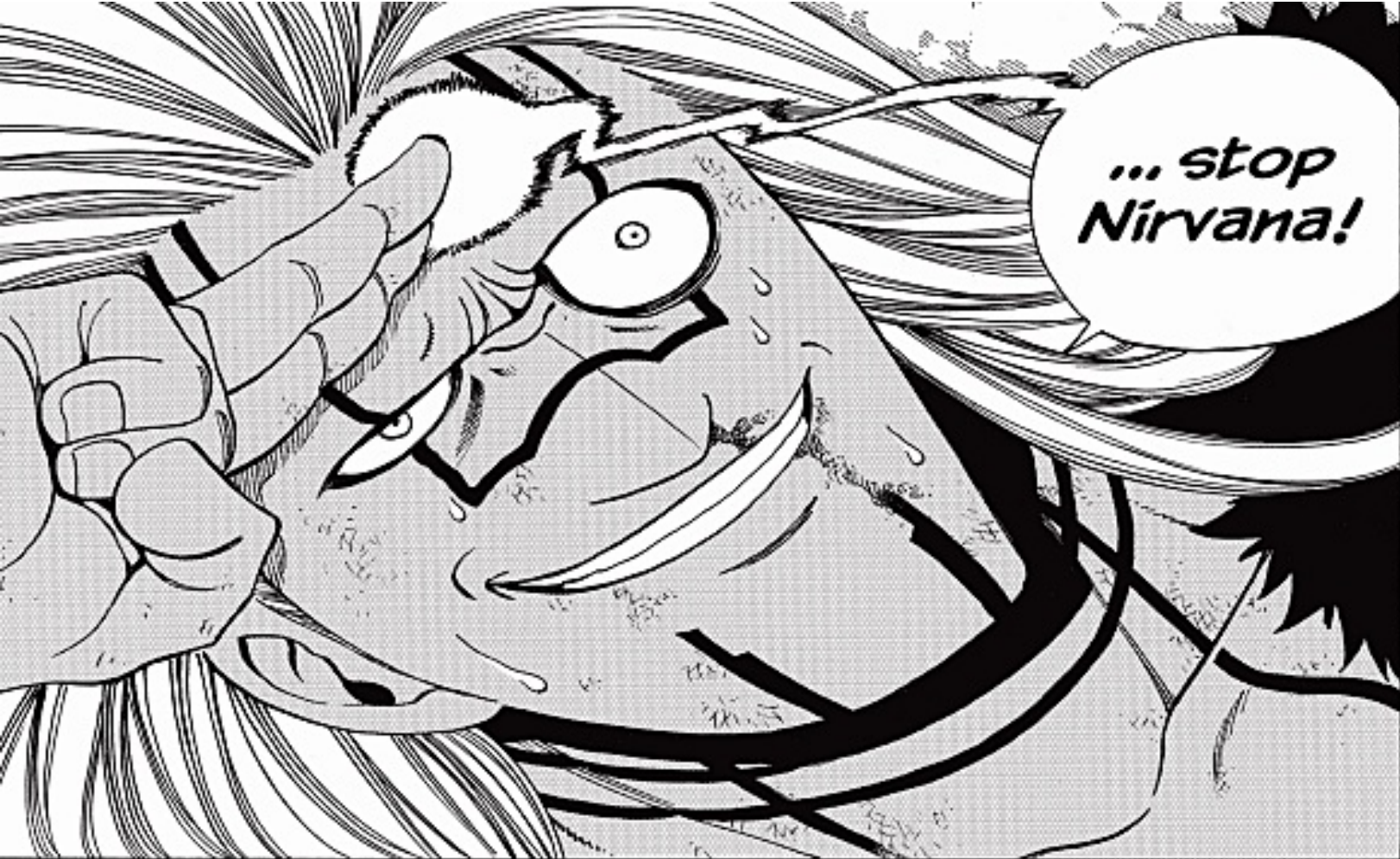
BUT BE
CAREFUL...
HE IS VERY...

...VERY
STRONG!

MIDNIGHT IS
NOW DIRECTLY
BENEATH THE
KING'S HALL!



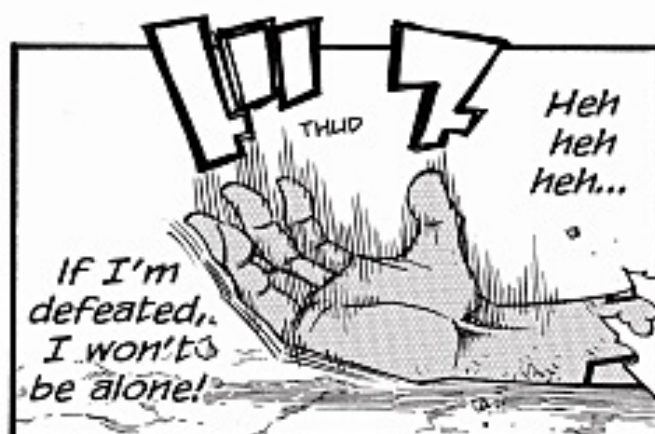




... stop
Nirvana!



I'm
taking
you
with
me...



Heh
heh
heh...

If I'm
defeated,
I won't
be alone!



Come
on out,
you
napping
jerk!



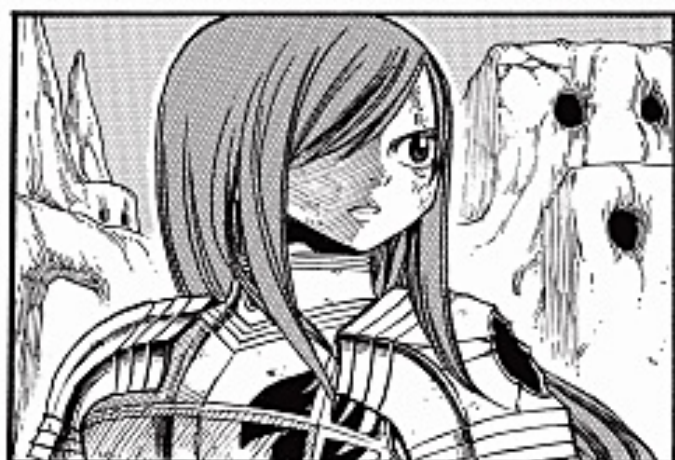
There it
is!!

Right
!!





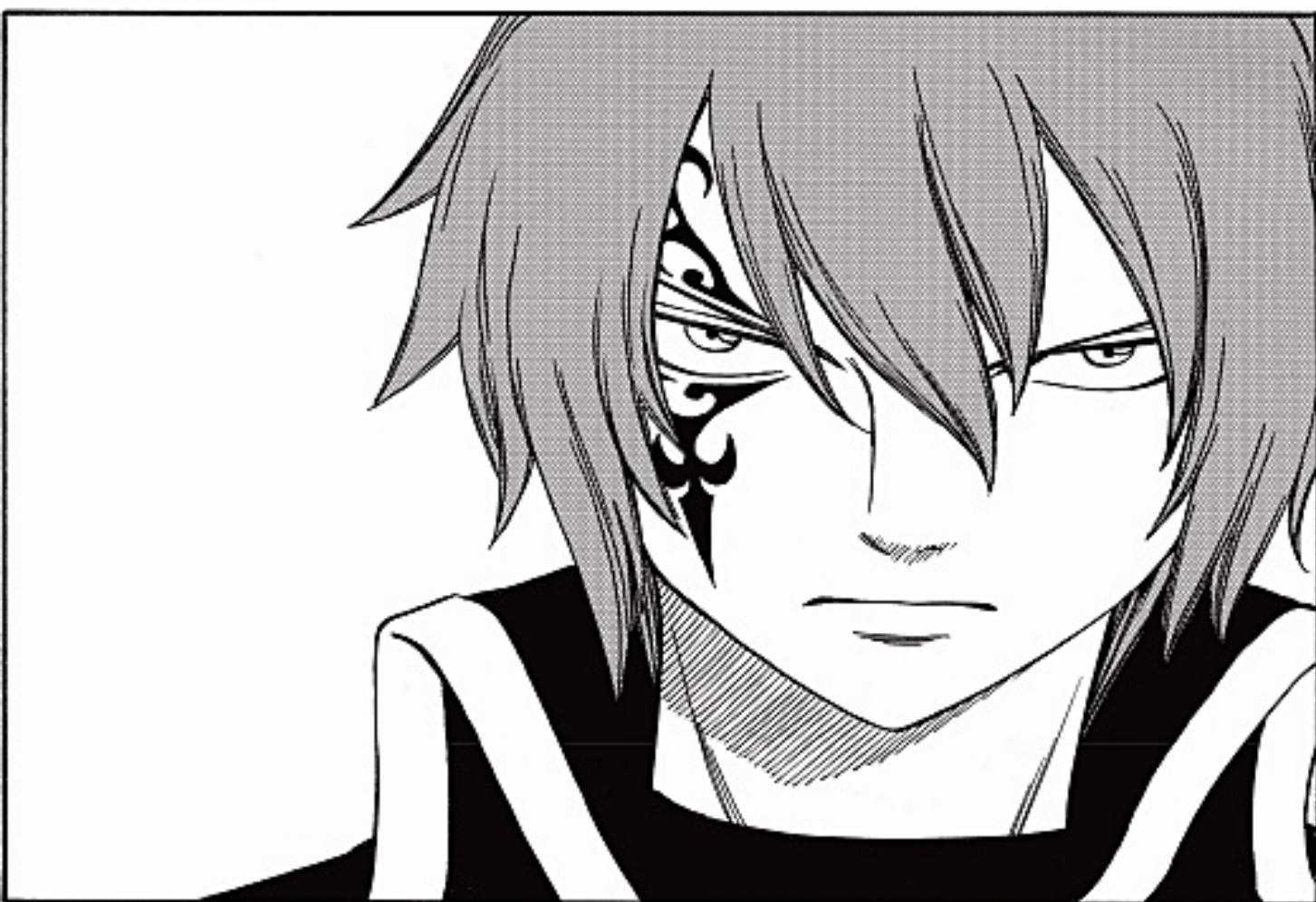
What was that explosion?

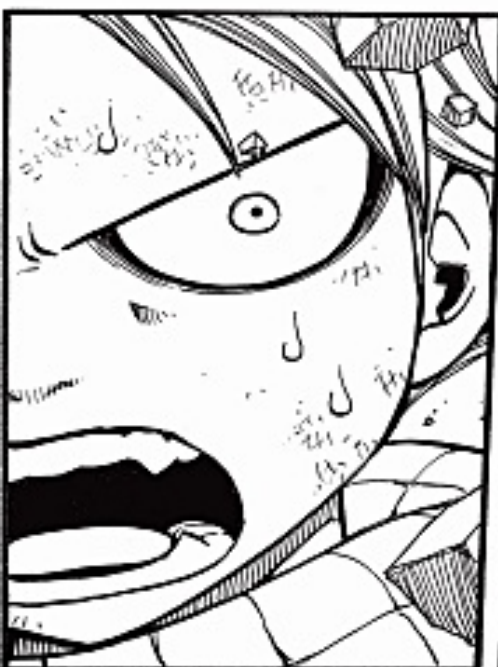


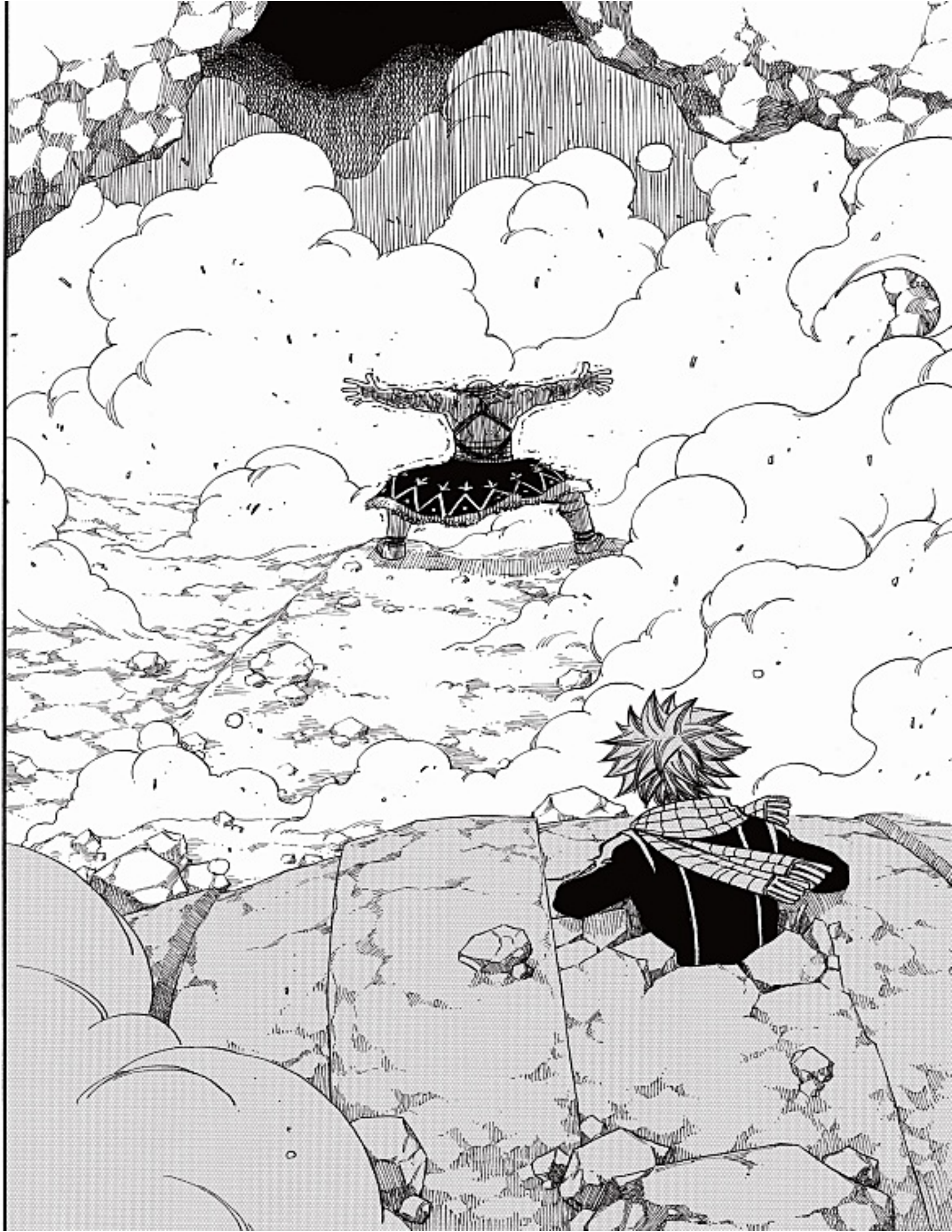
After all, he's stealing some of the fun from me.



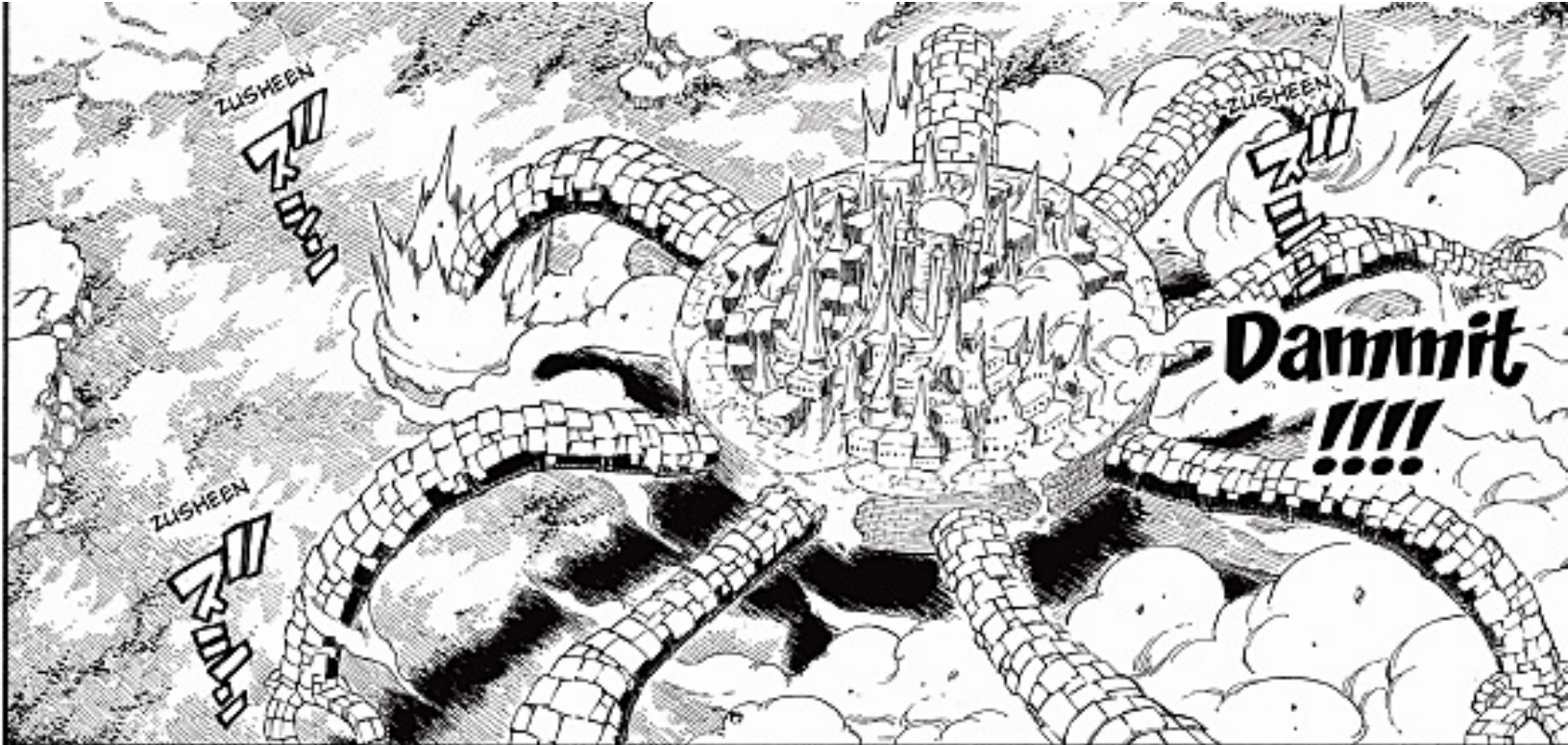
I hope you can entertain me.











You have a good sense of smell, hm?

Oh!! I'm sorry, Carla!

Let's walk while we search for Jellal!



Wendy, I'm sorry, but I can't fly anymore.

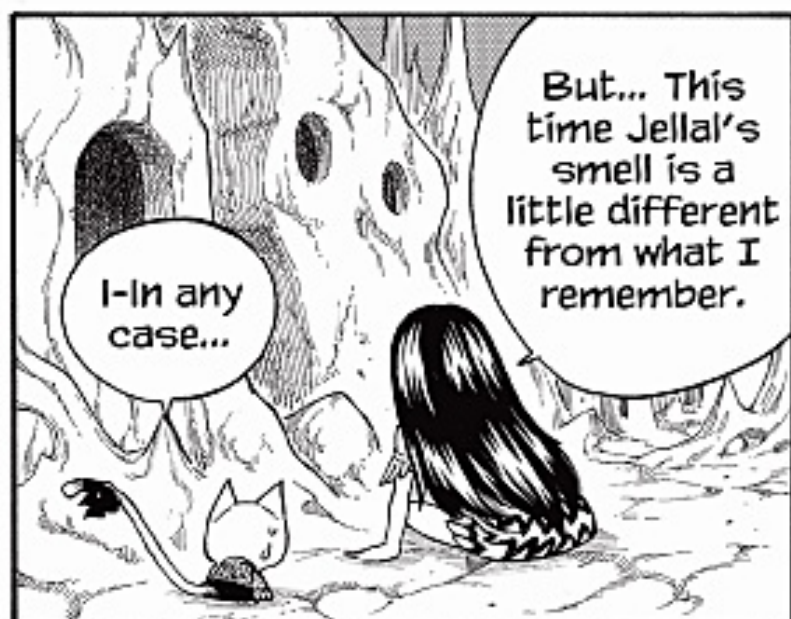
It really is heading for Cait Shelter!!



You're thinking that maybe if anyone can stop it, it's him?

Let's find Jellal!!

Yeah!

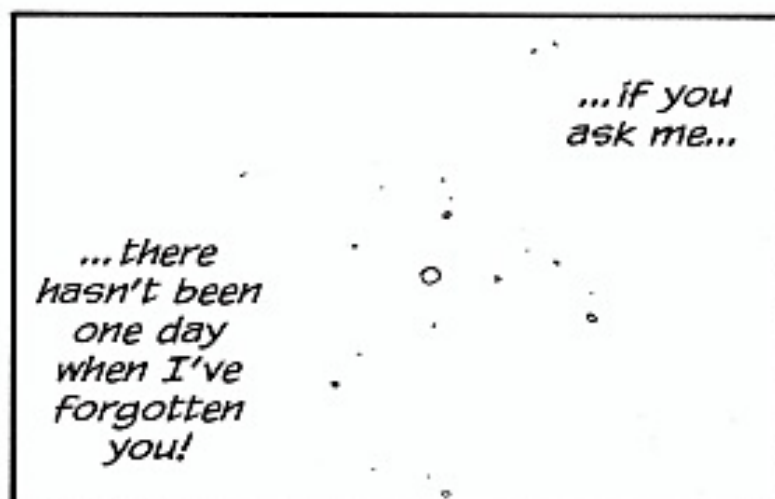


I-In any case...

But... This time Jellal's smell is a little different from what I remember.



*Please be
all right,
Jellal!*

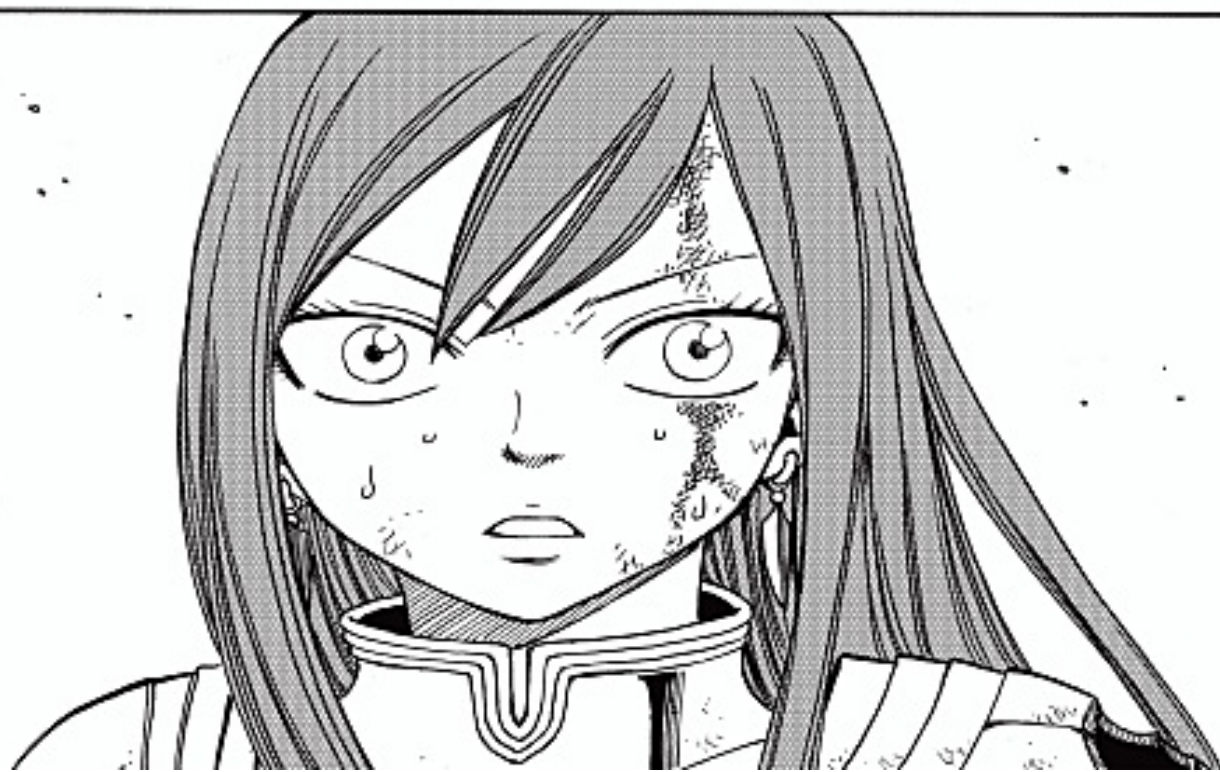


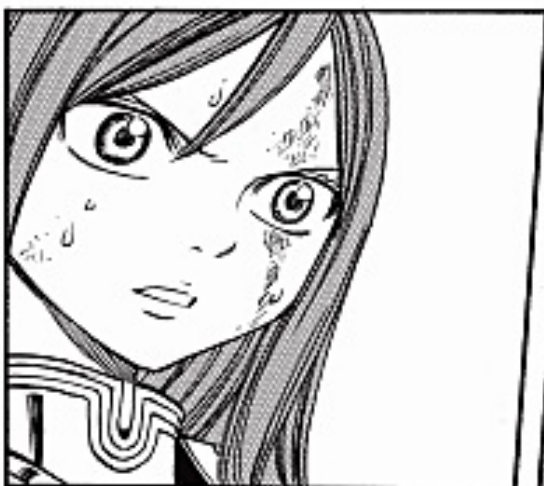
*...if you
ask me...*

*...there
hasn't been
one day
when I've
forgotten
you!*



*It seems
like you've
forgotten
me, but...*







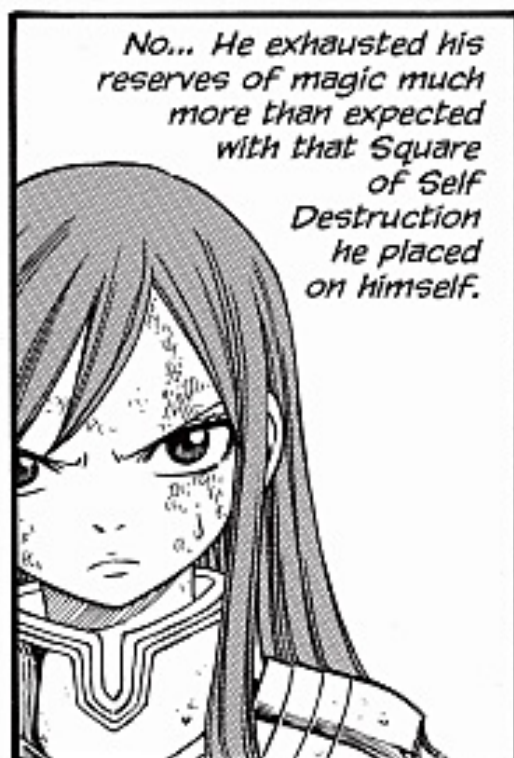


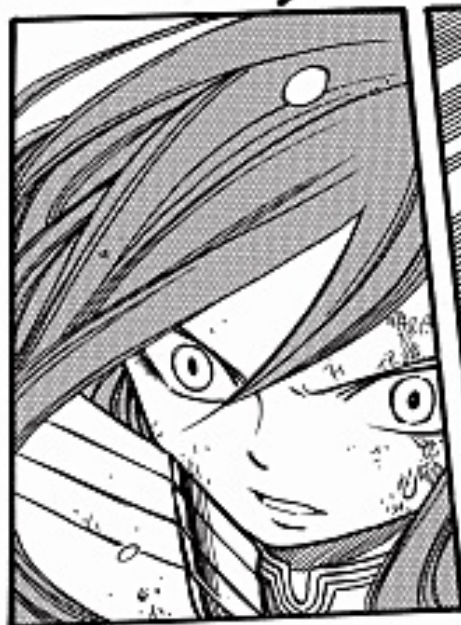
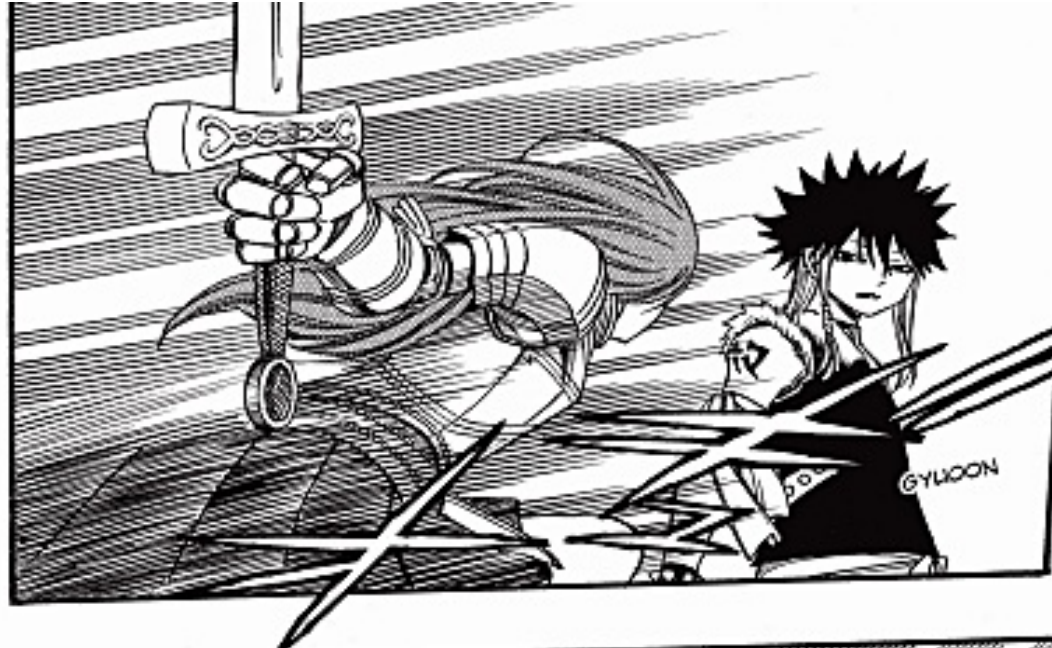


Chapter 154: Your Words Especially



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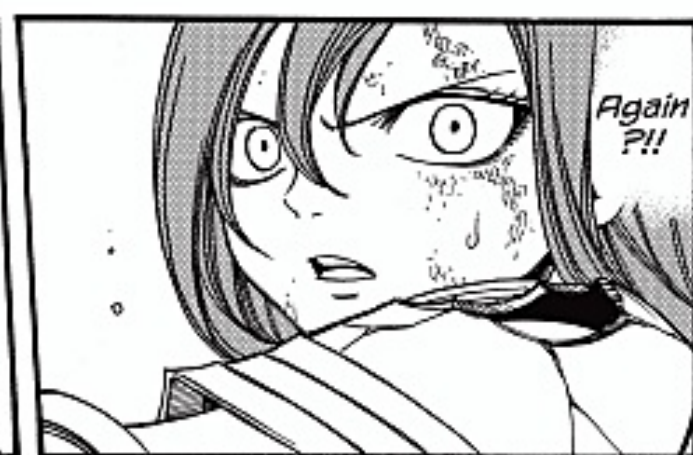
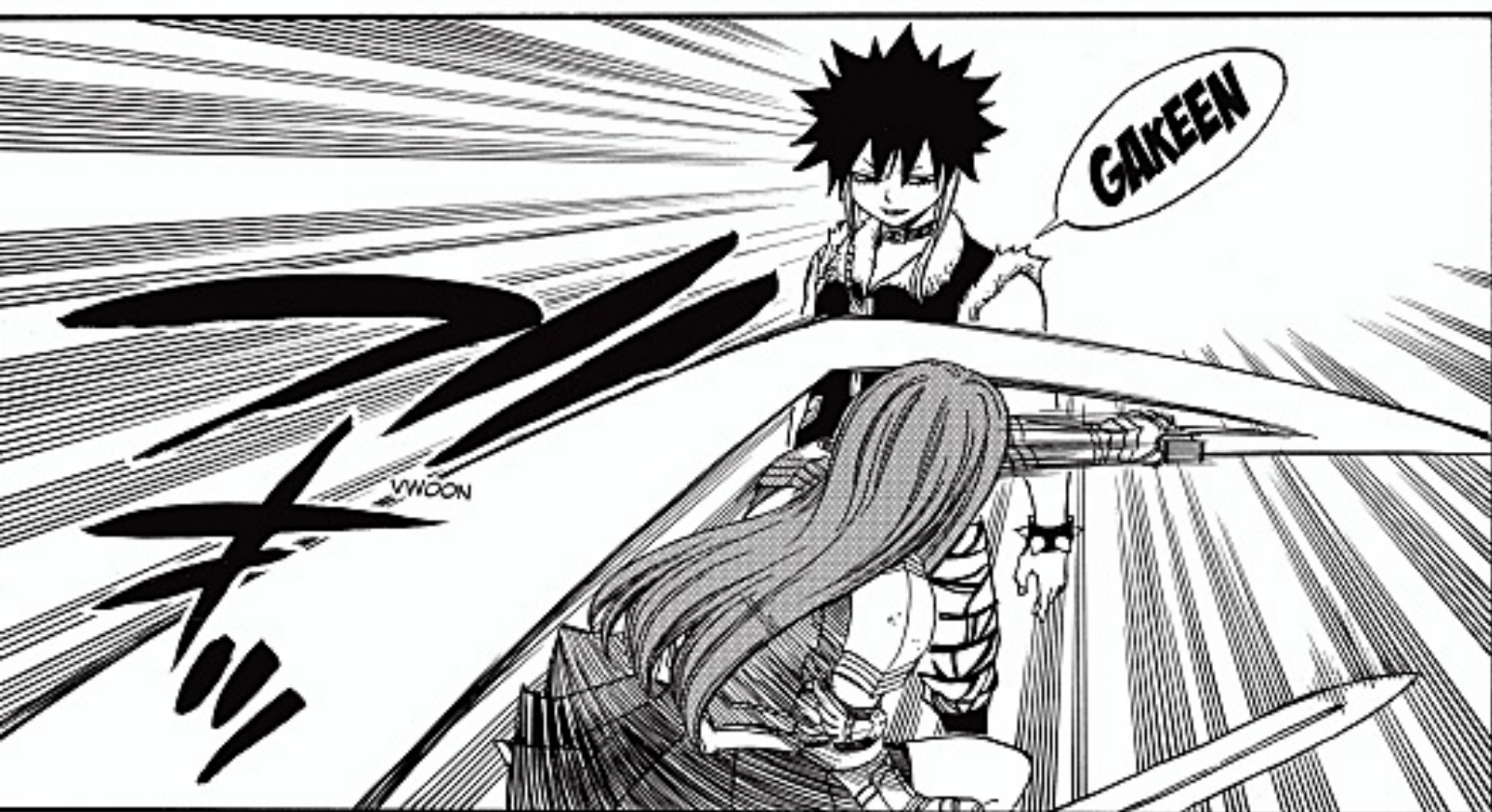
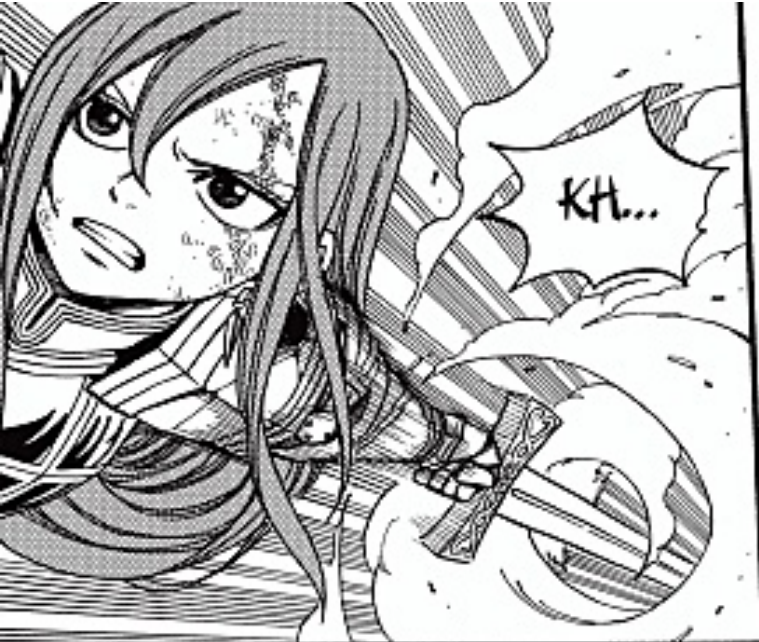


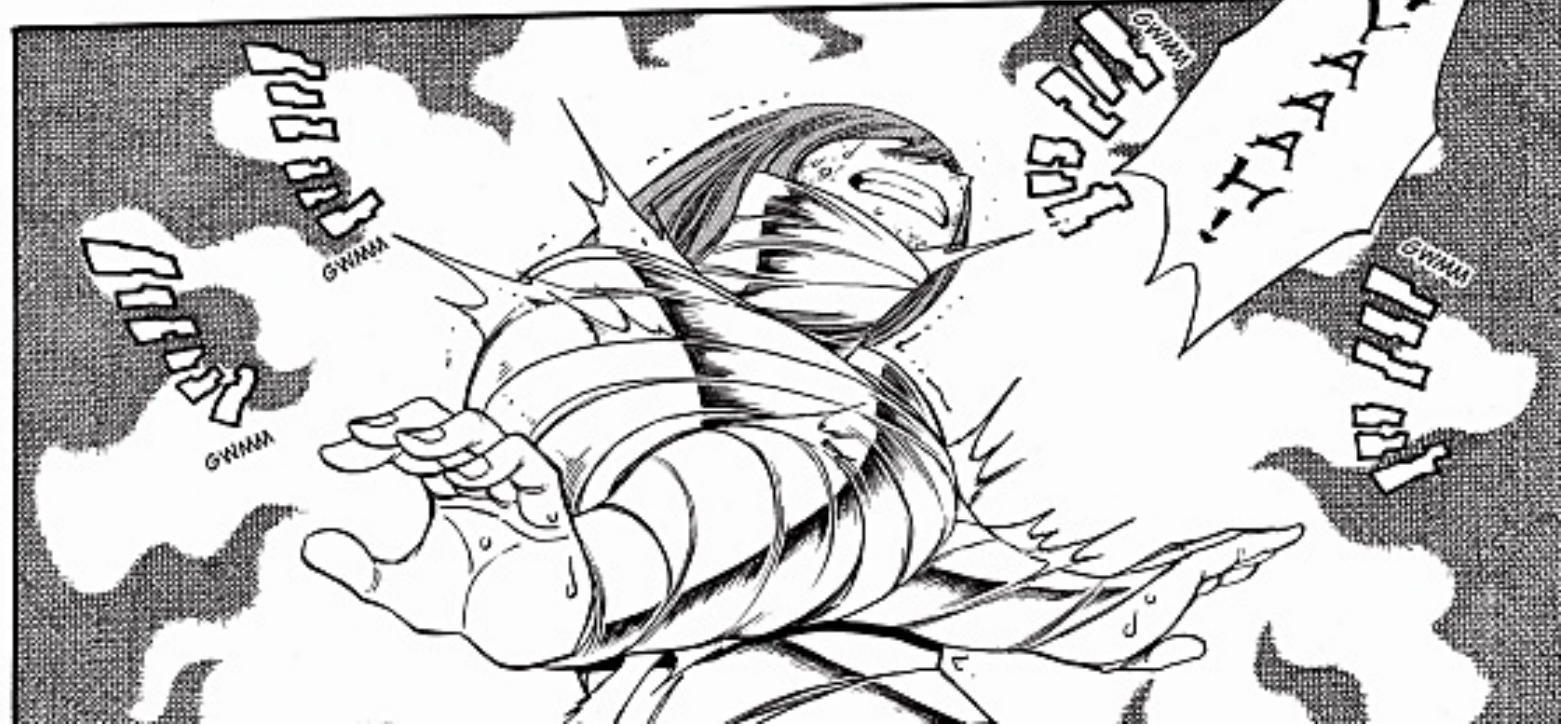
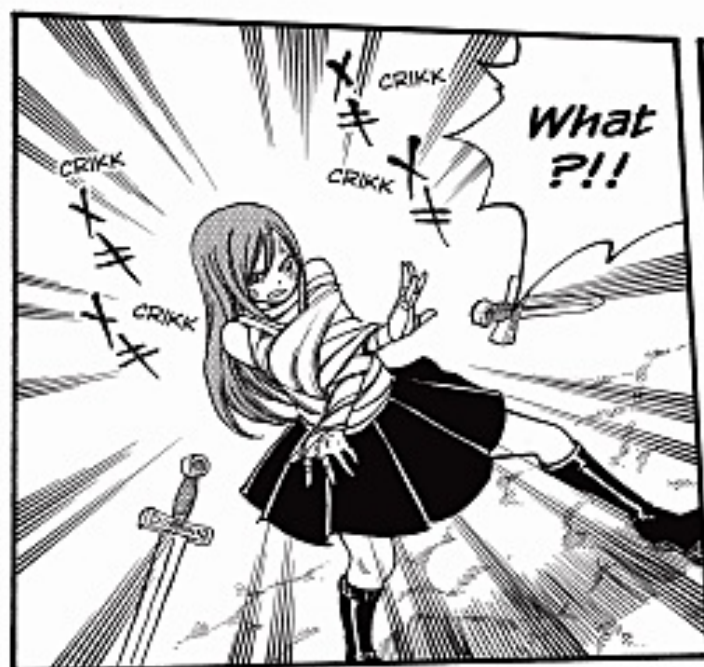
GAKEEN

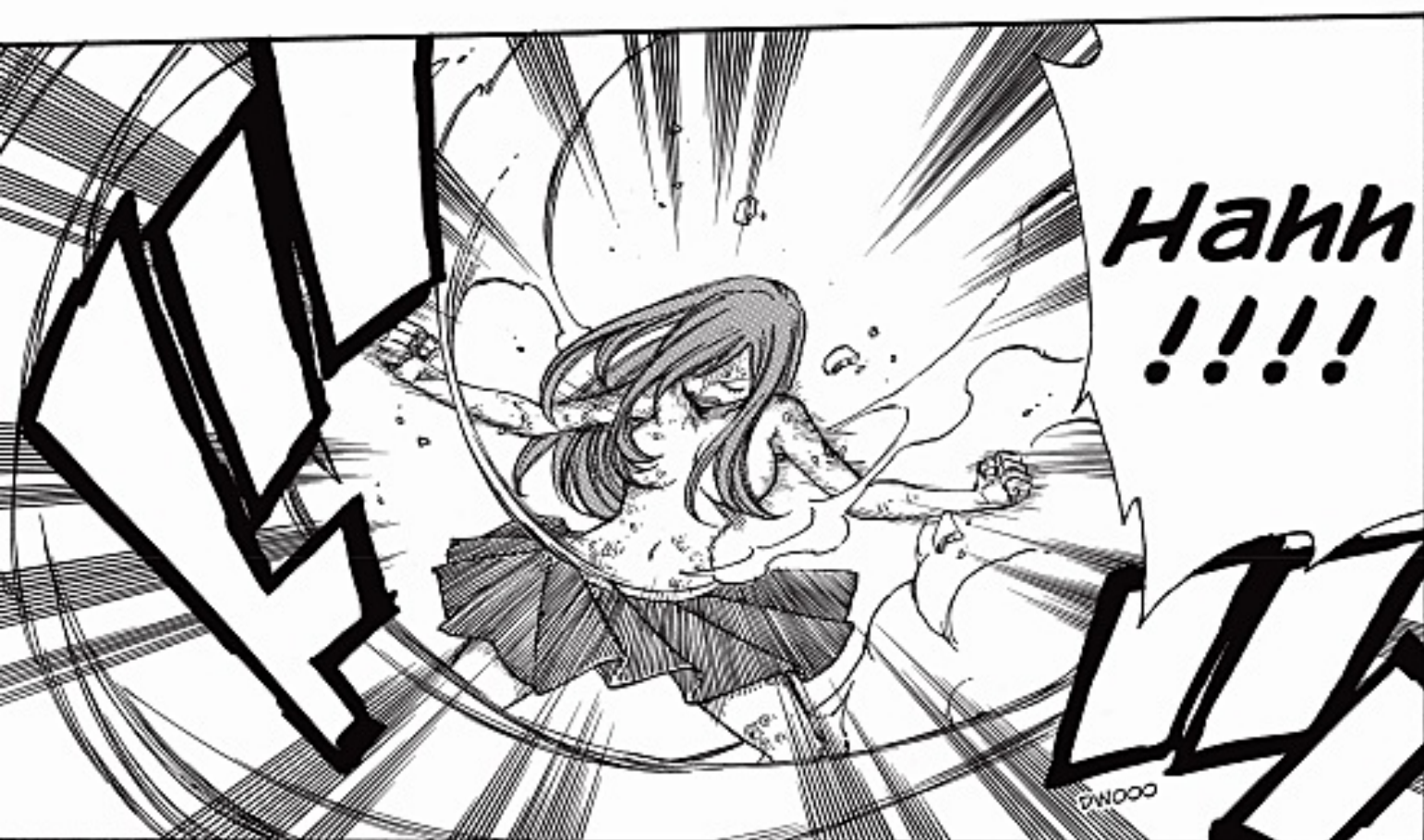
Erza
Scarlet?

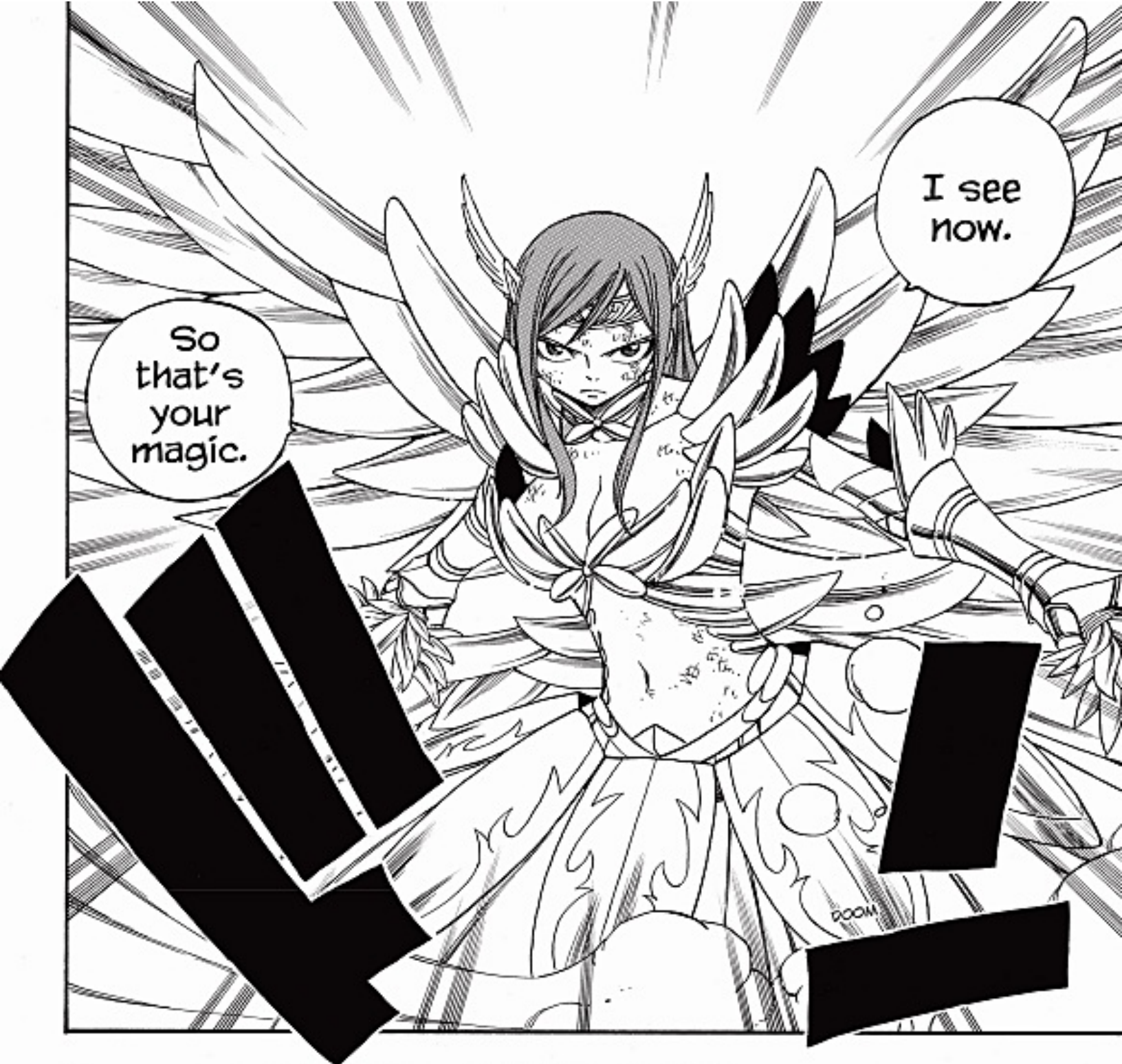
Is it
already
time for
the main
dish?













What terrible magic power ...

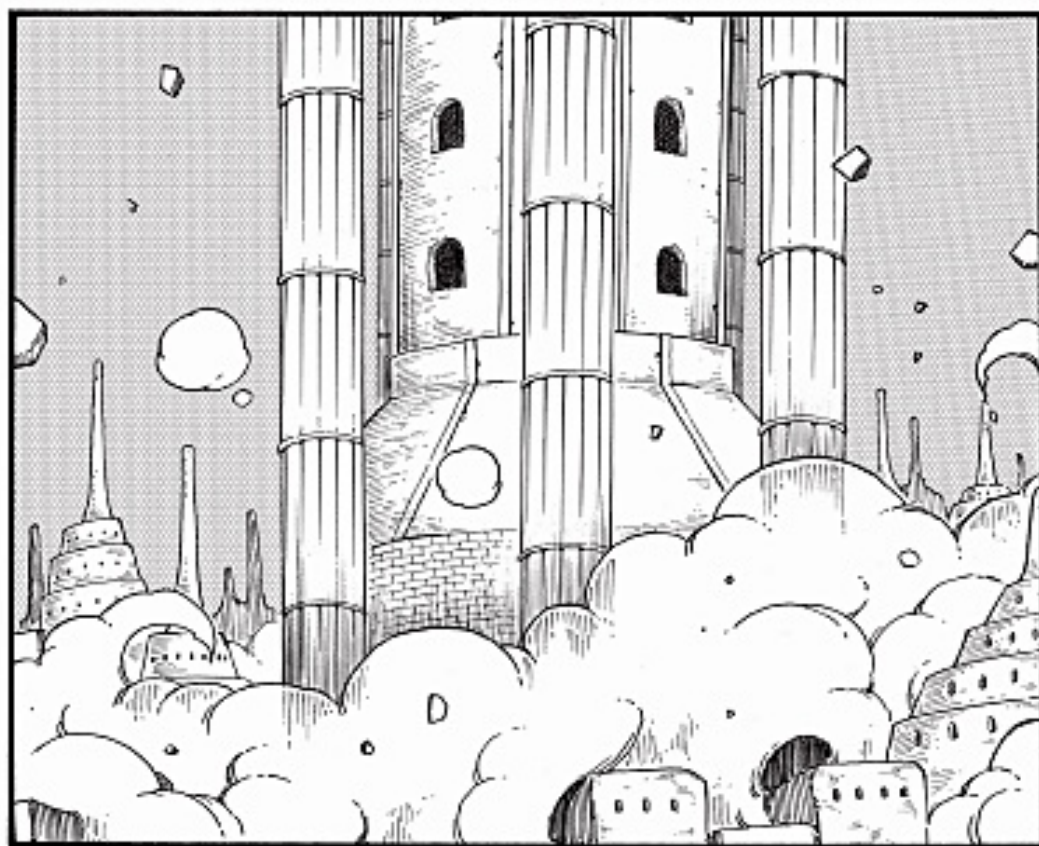


Plus, it can even bend light, creating mirages.

It can take magic and turn it back on its caster.



Let's do this!



Didn't you hear me? Magic doesn't have any effect on me.





Don't you dare die on us, old guy!

What'll we do...? He's injured really bad!

Urk... It was just a trap!



AND ALL HE COULD DO WAS TAKE ONE JERK DOWN?

THAT IDIOT BRAIN...USED UP THE VERY LAST OF HIS POWER...

Who's that?!!



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.



Eh?



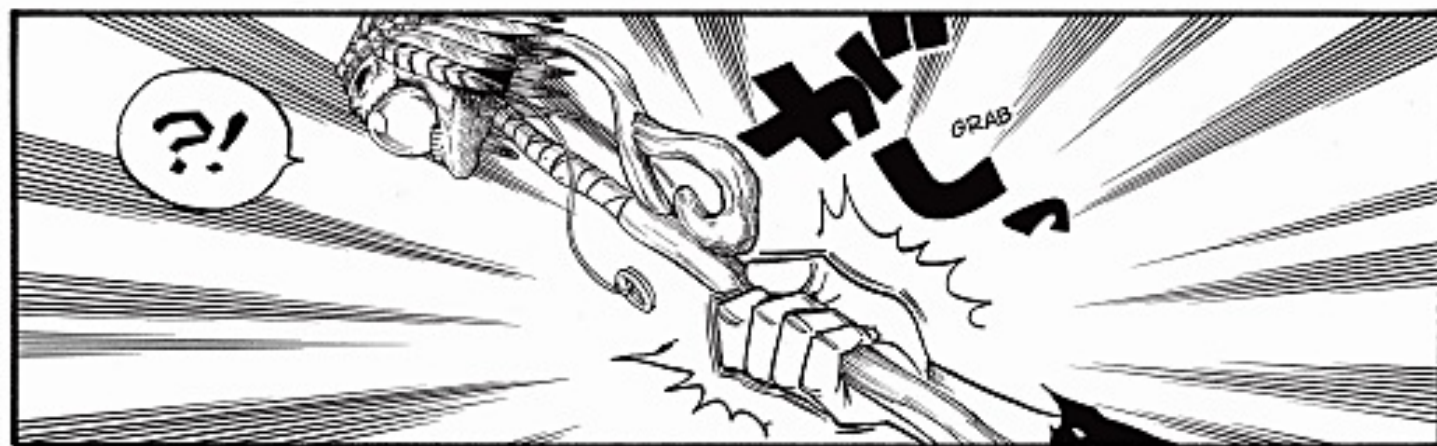
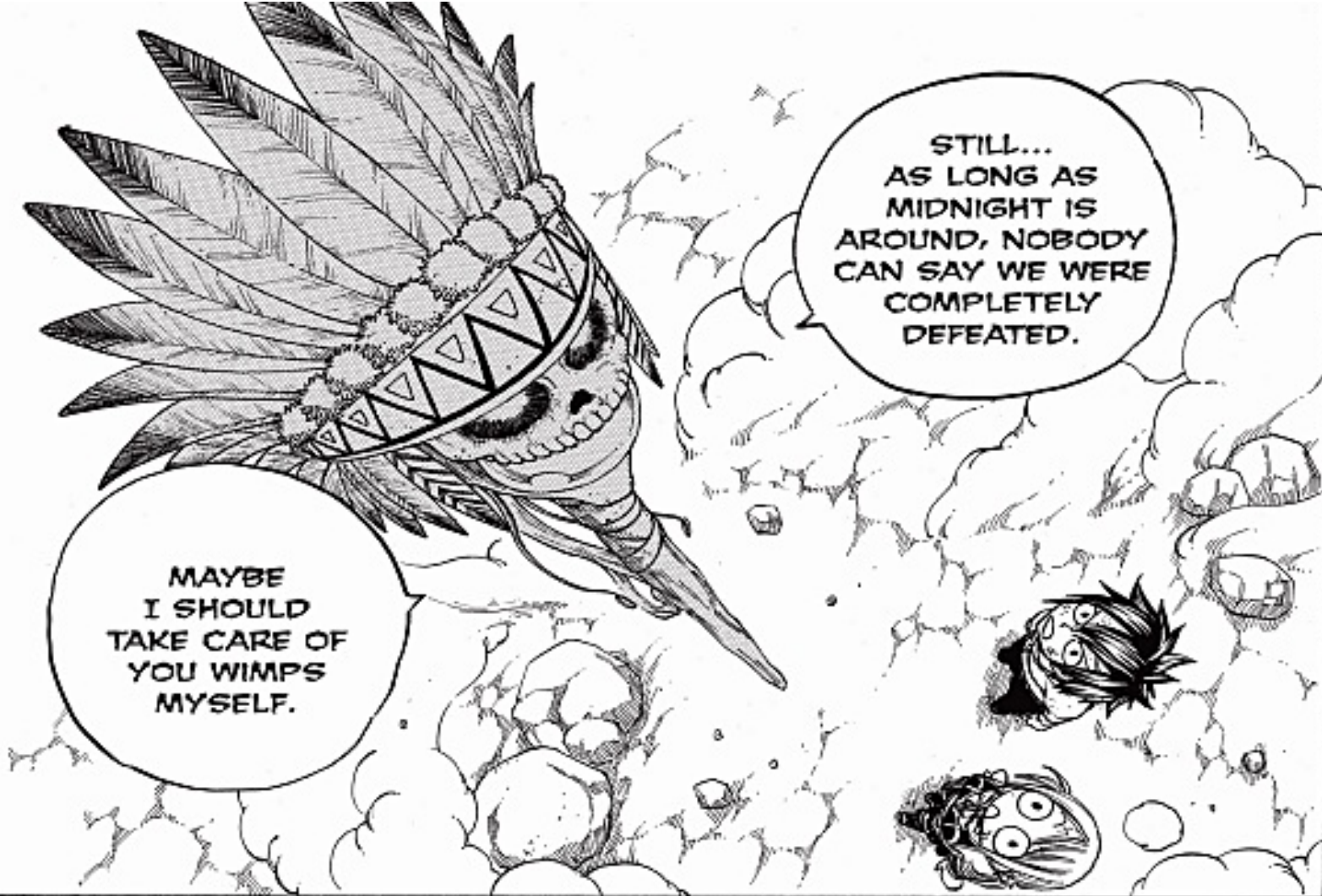
IT THROWS MUD ON THE NAME OF THE SIX DEMONS!

HOW PITIFUL CAN YOU GET?!



?!

There !!!



Stop this
city thing,
you stick!!!



Wait!! We
don't know
what that
thing is!

!!!!

GAH!
OW!
OW!
OW!
OW!

Take that,
and that,
and that,
and that
!!!!



STOP-
IT-
AL-
READY
!!!



I AM THE
SEVENTH
OF THE
ORACIÓN
SEIS!

I'VE BEEN
AWAKENED
TO FINISH
YOU
CLODS
O-!



HYUPP!

ZUPOP

!!



Wait... Are we
just going to
accept the fact
that a staff is
talking?

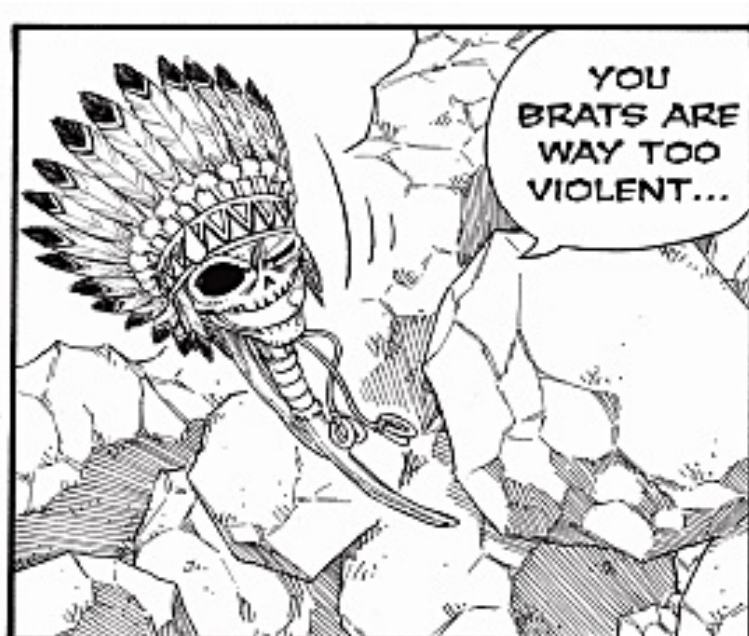
If Seis
means
"Six," then
why's there
a seventh?

It's hard
to decide
what to
complain
about.

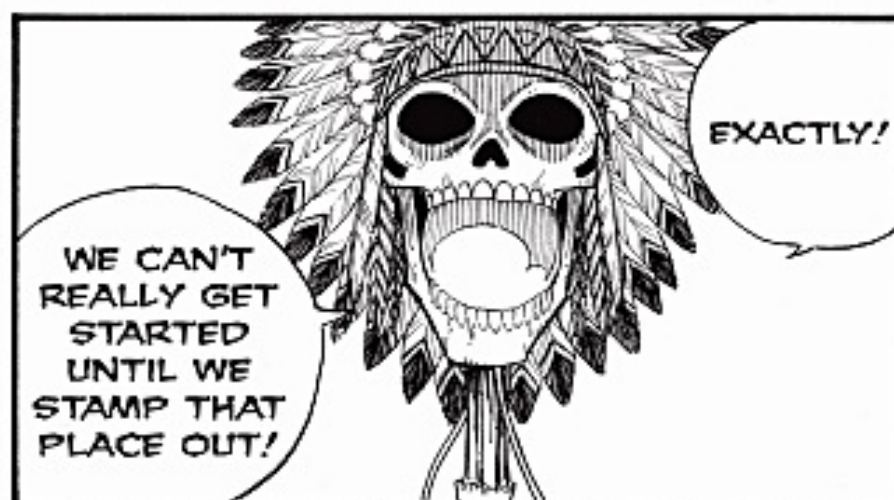


IT'S BEST
TO START BY
THROWING
OUT THE
TRASH.

THAT GUILD
SHOULD
BE COMING
INTO SIGHT
SOON.



YOU
BRATS ARE
WAY TOO
VIOLENT...



WE CAN'T
REALLY GET
STARTED
UNTIL WE
STAMP THAT
PLACE OUT!

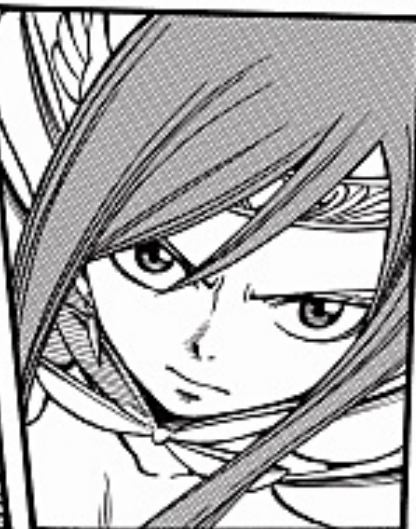
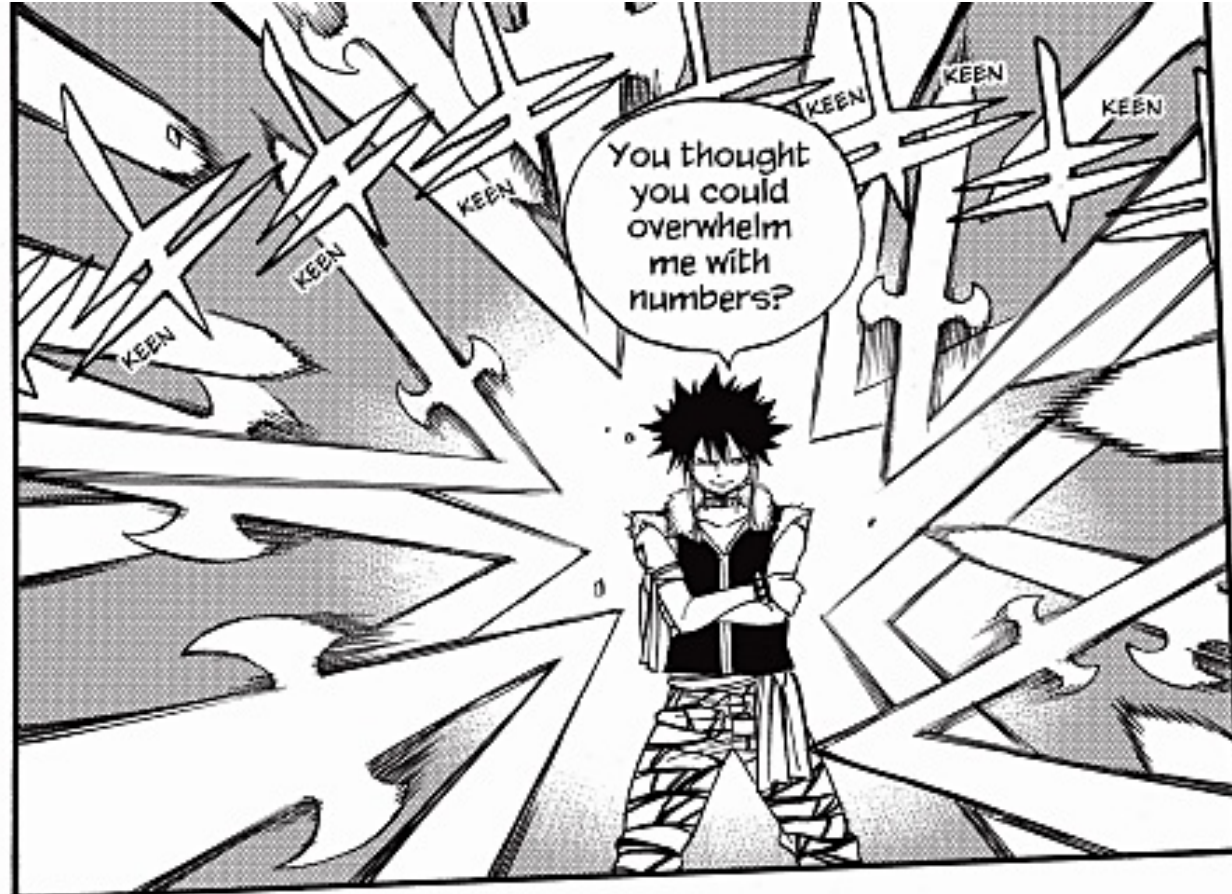
EXACTLY!

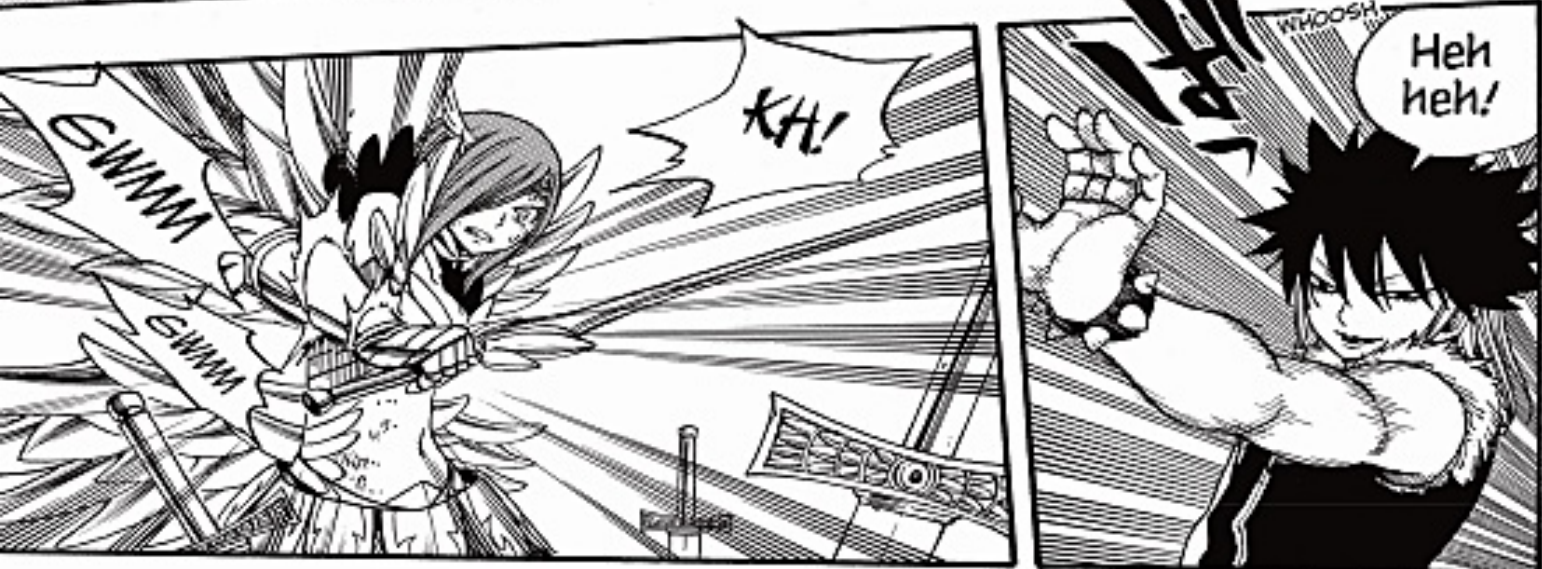


You're
talking
about Cait
Shelter?!



Dance,
my
blades
!!!!

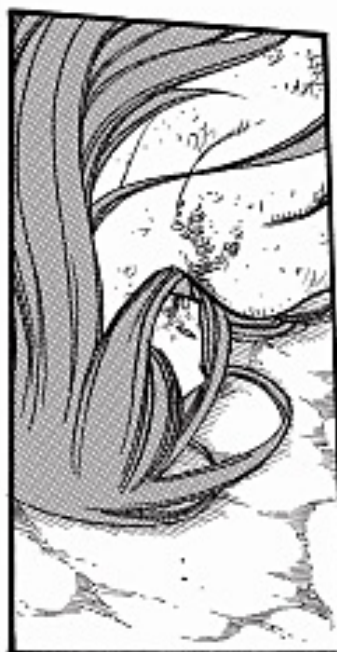


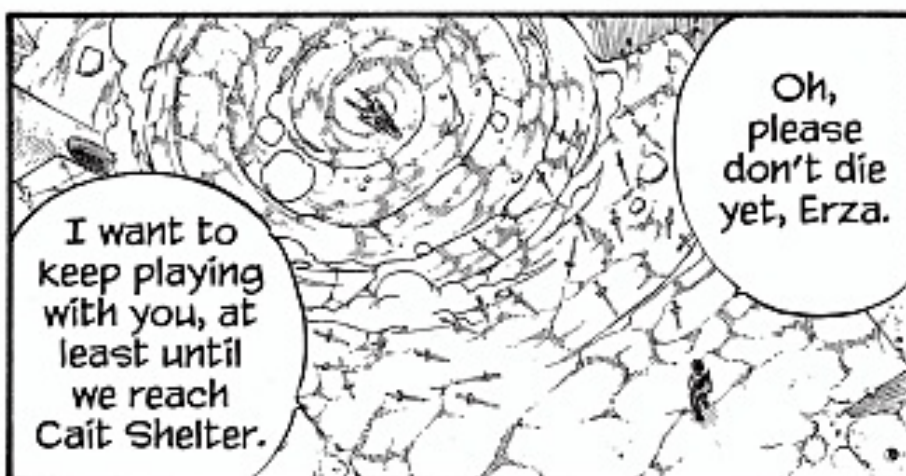


More ...
I want to see you suffer a whole lot more!









They feared that it could be used for evil purposes, so they kept watch on its seal for dozens, even hundreds of years.

So they sealed away the very magic that they themselves created.

But Nirvana turned out to be even more dangerous than the Nirvit expected.

They formed a magic guild that only allowed members of the Nirvit to join.

And that's Cait Shelter.







You're vile...



*Doesn't
it just
give
you the
shivers
?!!*



*By the power
of Nirvana,
their hearts
will be plunged
into darkness,
causing
them all to
slaughter
each other
!!!!*



Your soul is
more steeped
in darkness
than mine!

You're
a dirty,
ruinous,
evil man.



Quit
pretending to
be so righteous,
Jellal.



You
murdered
your
friends
...

...and
even
attempted
to murder
Erza!

Yes,
you
are!

You took
children
and put
them into
forced
labor!

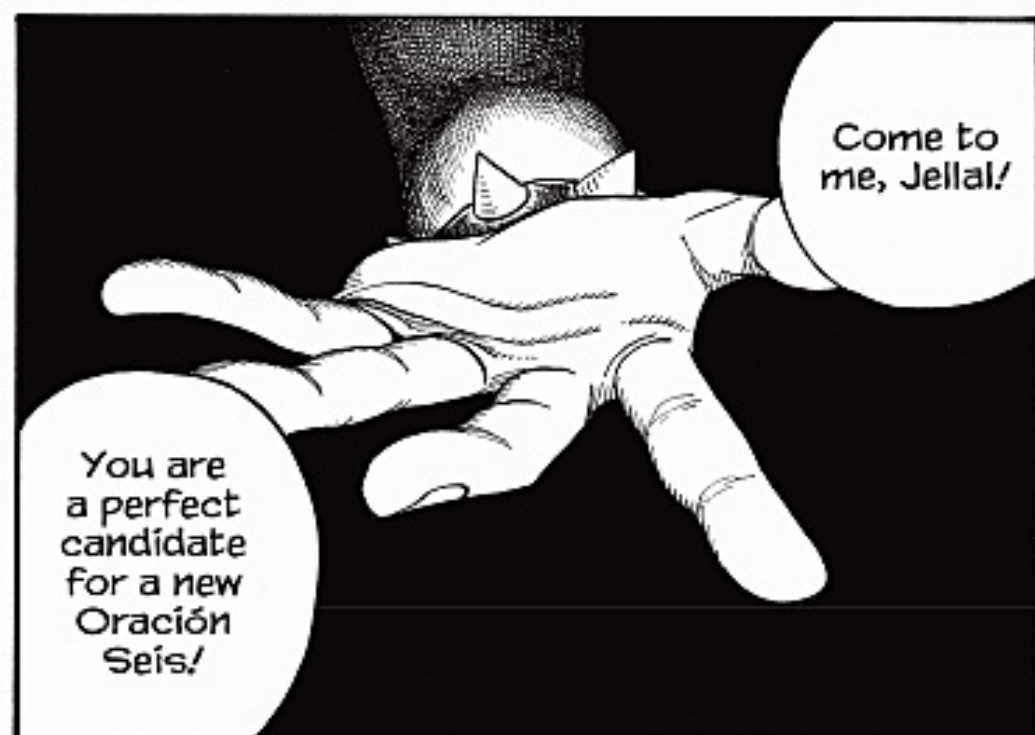


N-No,
I'm...



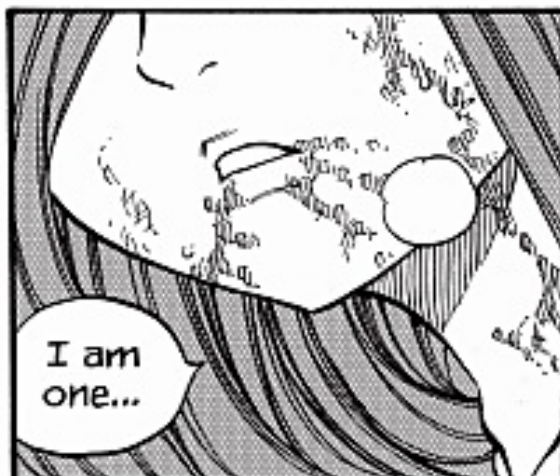
How many people have you shocked, frightened... and made to shed rivers of tears?

Can you even guess how many human beings you drove to despair?



Come to me, Jellal!

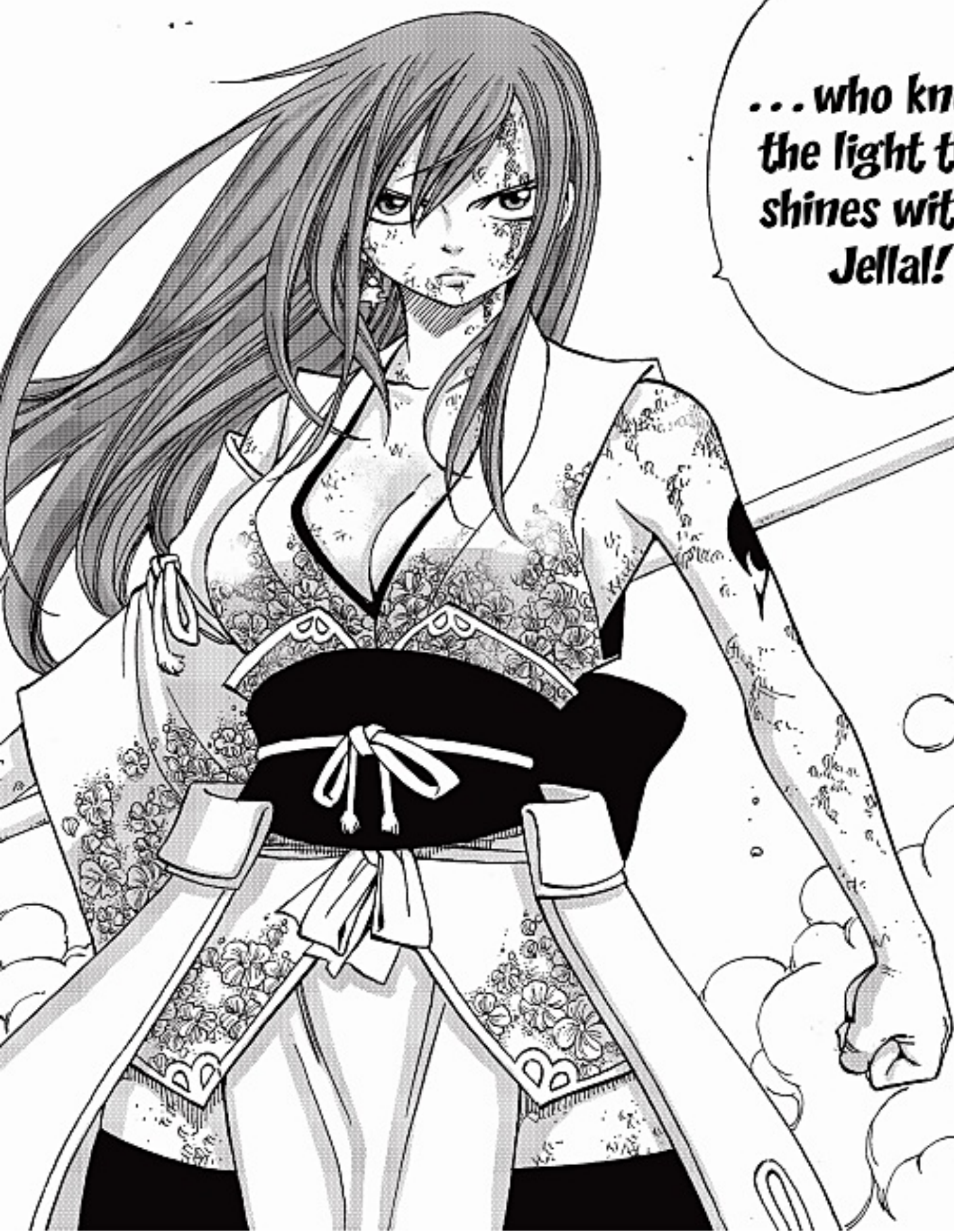
You are a perfect candidate for a new Oración Seis!



I am one...



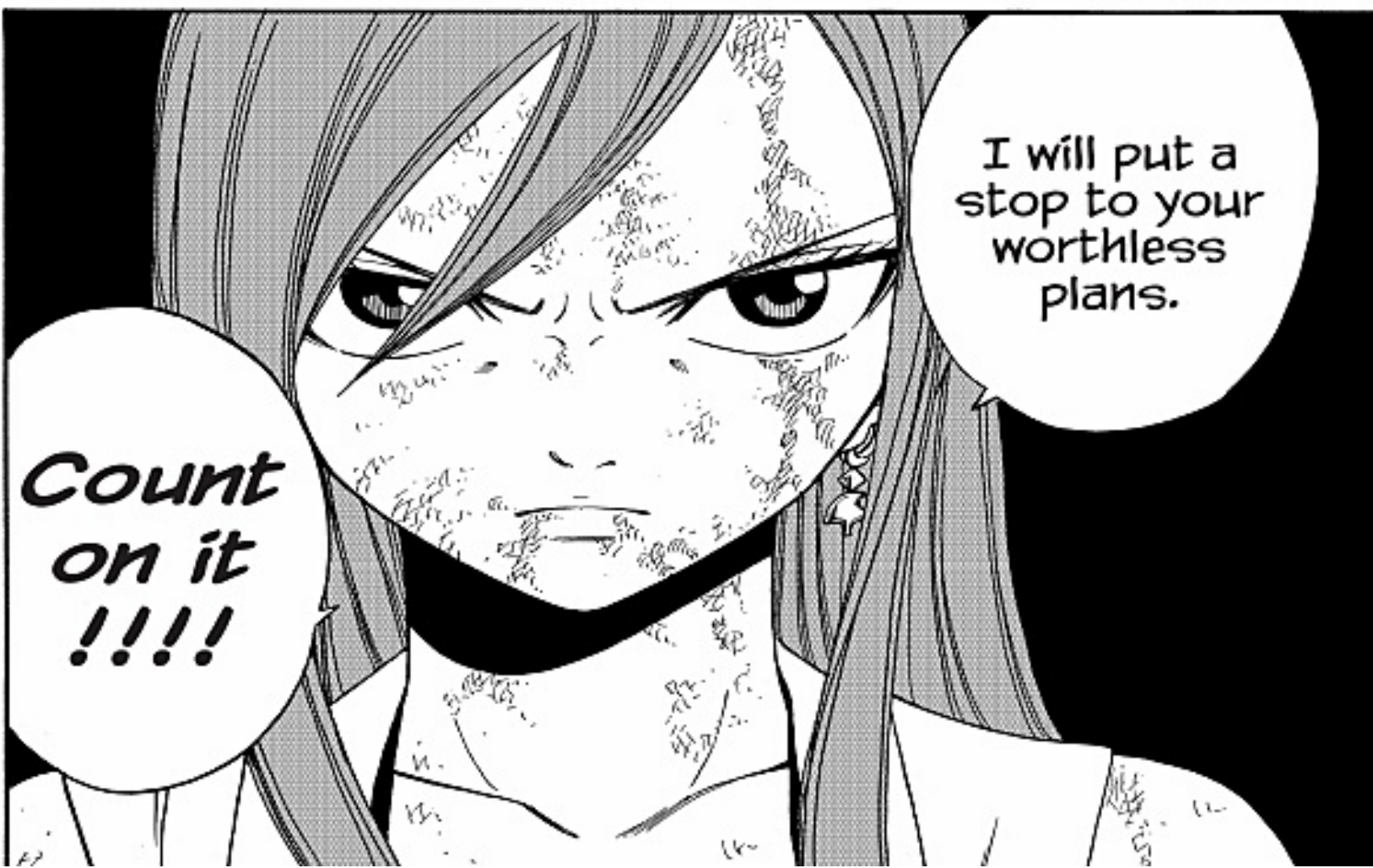




**... who knows
the light that
shines within
Jellal!**



You're *worth* the effort it will take to crush you!



I will put a stop to your worthless plans.

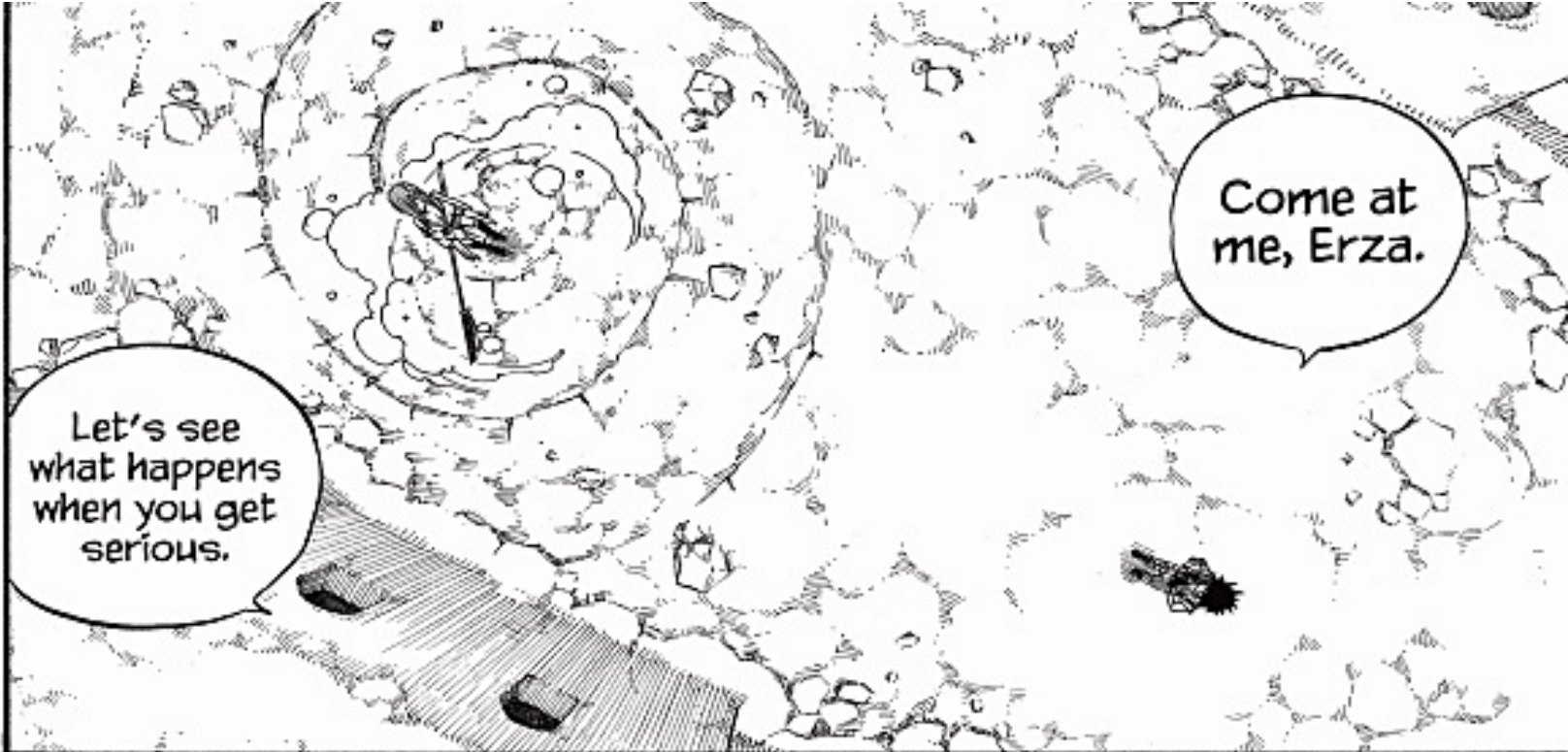
**Count on it
!!!!**

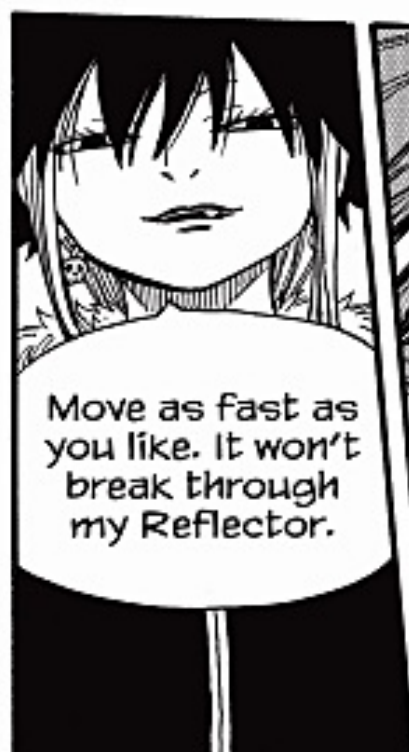
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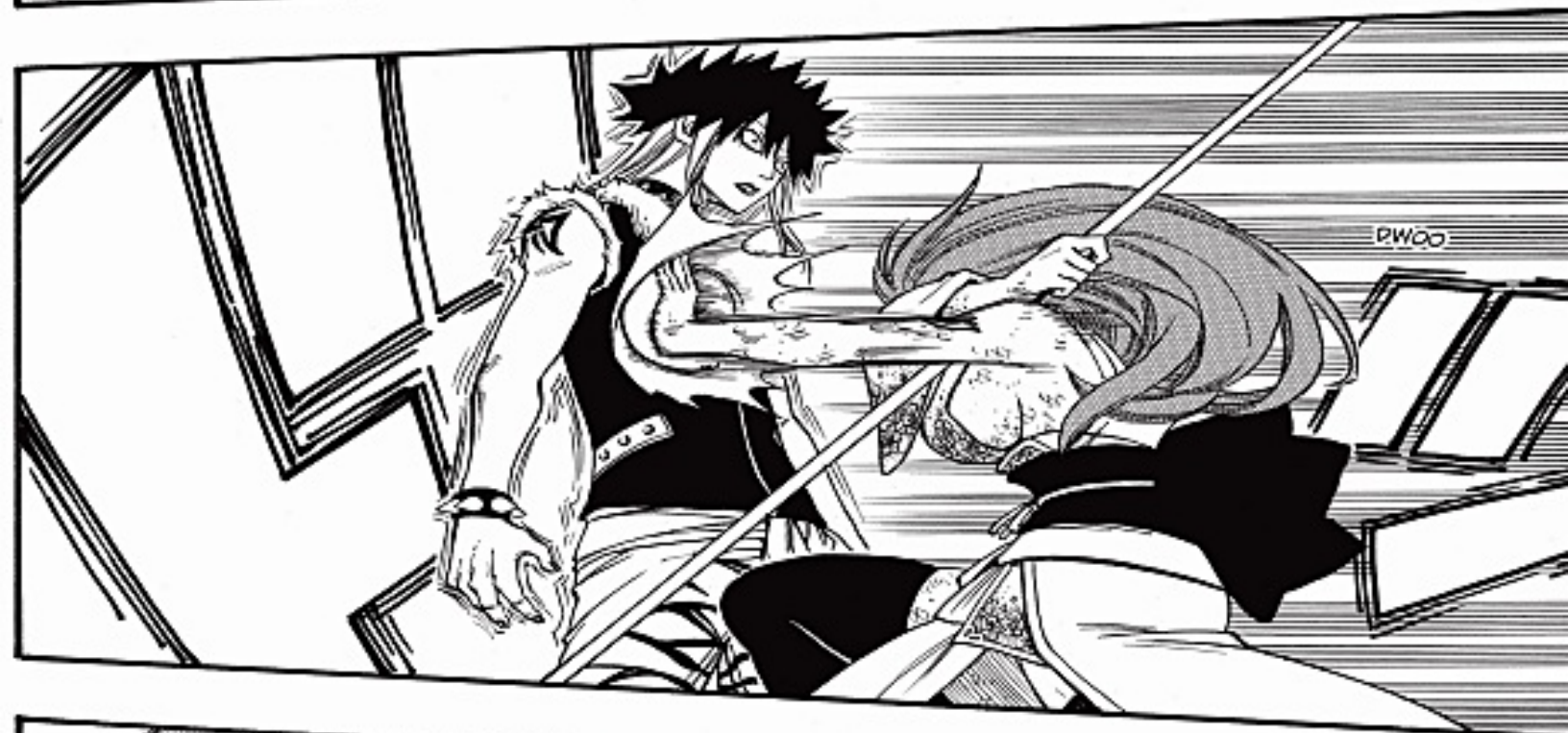
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Chapter 155: Last Man











Even if that were true, I could still take the cloth you're wearing and crush you with it.



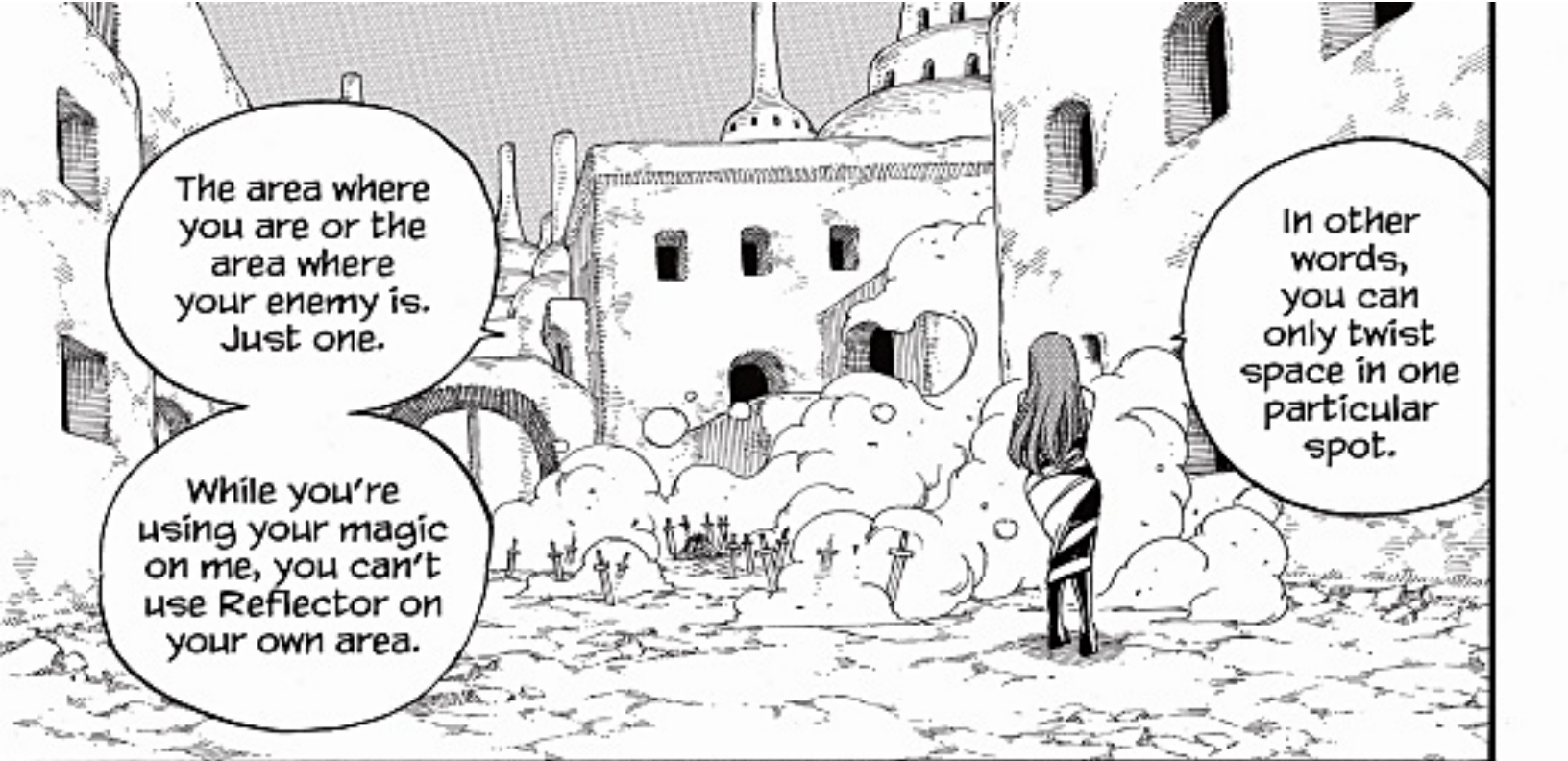
If you could, it would be far more effective to just twist my body rather than my armor.



And the second is this.



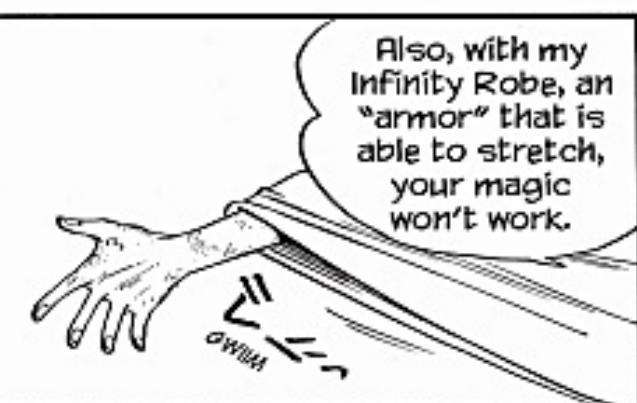




The area where
you are or the
area where
your enemy is.
Just one.

In other
words,
you can
only twist
space in one
particular
spot.

While you're
using your magic
on me, you can't
use Reflector on
your own area.



Also, with my
Infinity Robe, an
"armor" that is
able to stretch,
your magic
won't work.

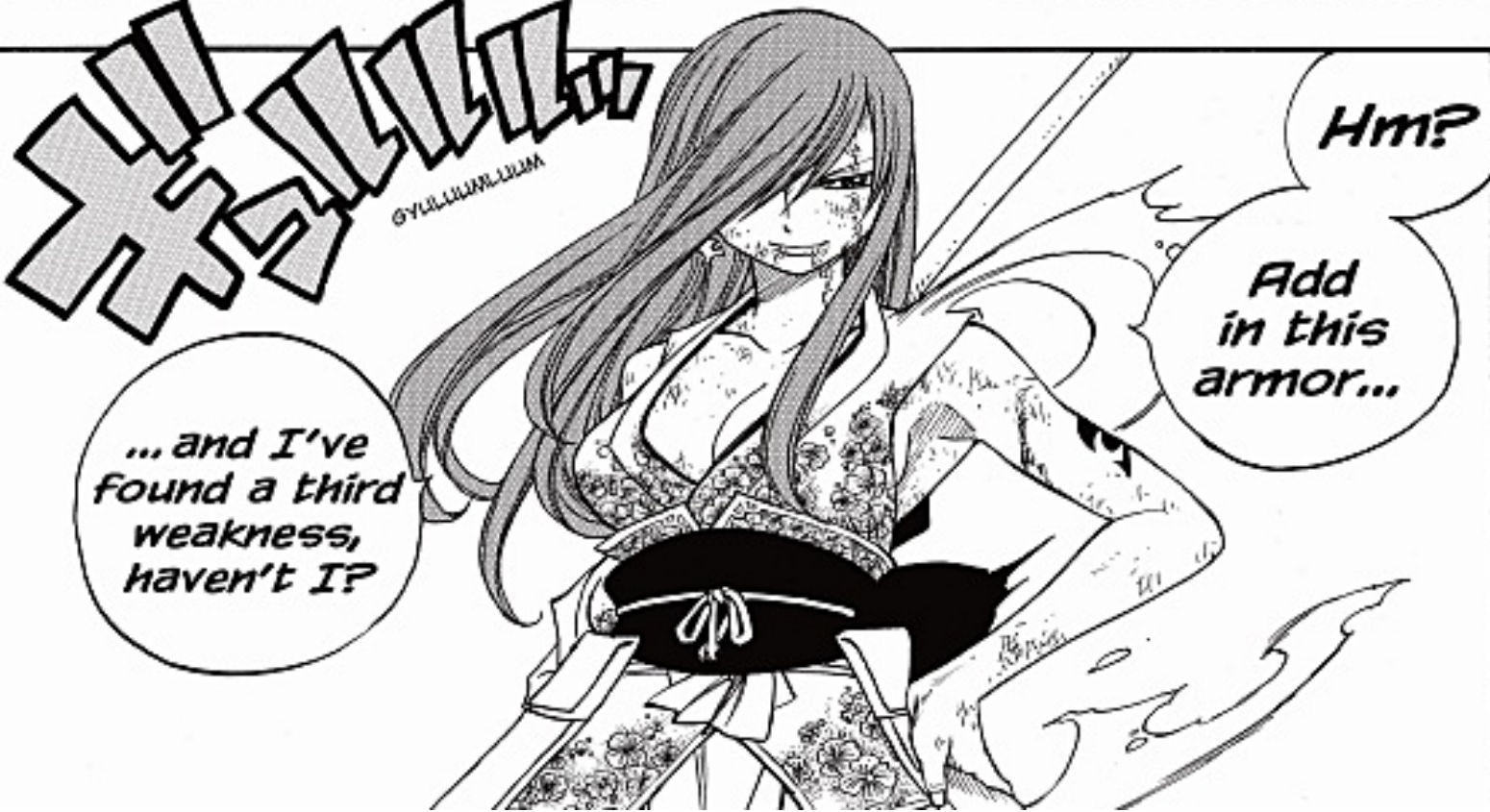


I
can't
be-
lieve
...

... she
could
observe
that...



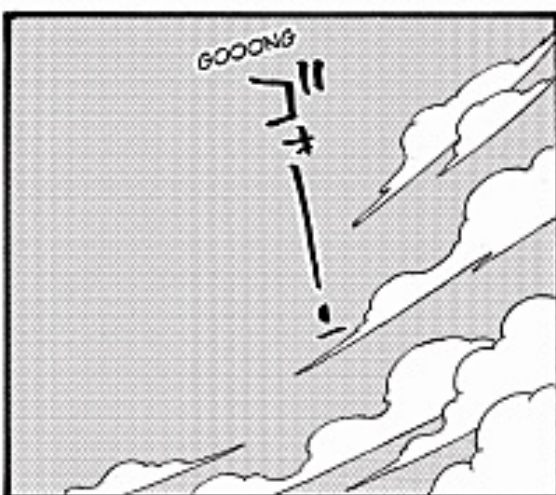
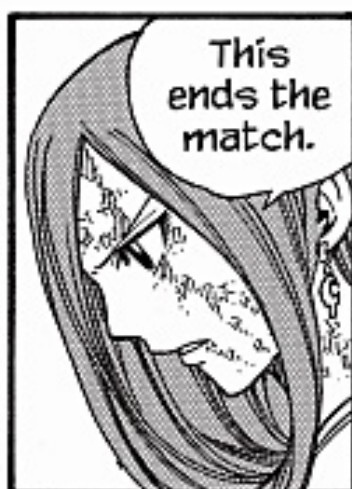
Ngah
...

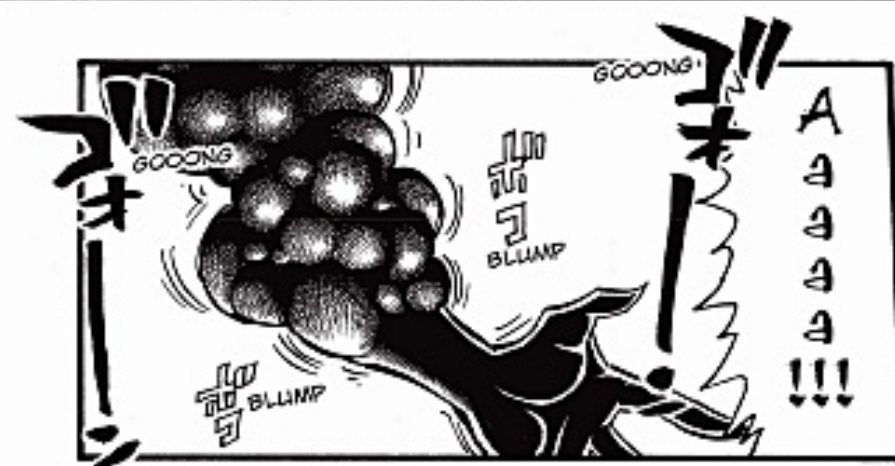


... and I've
found a third
weakness,
haven't I?

Hm?

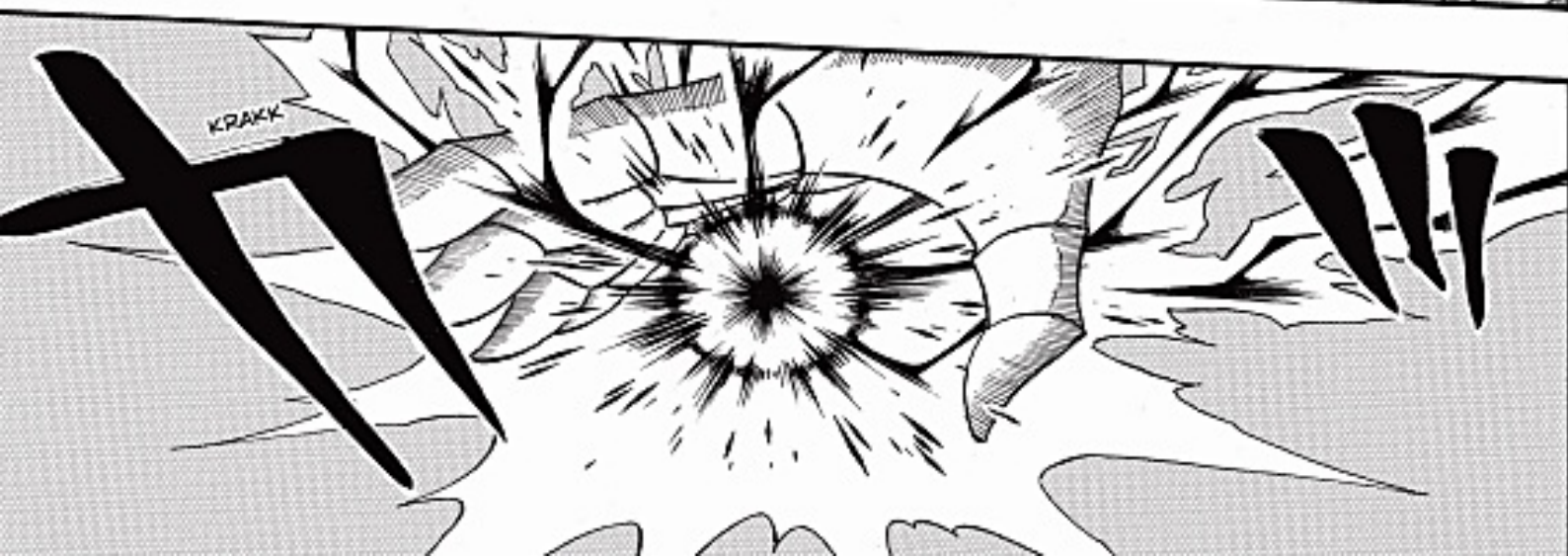
Add
in this
armor...

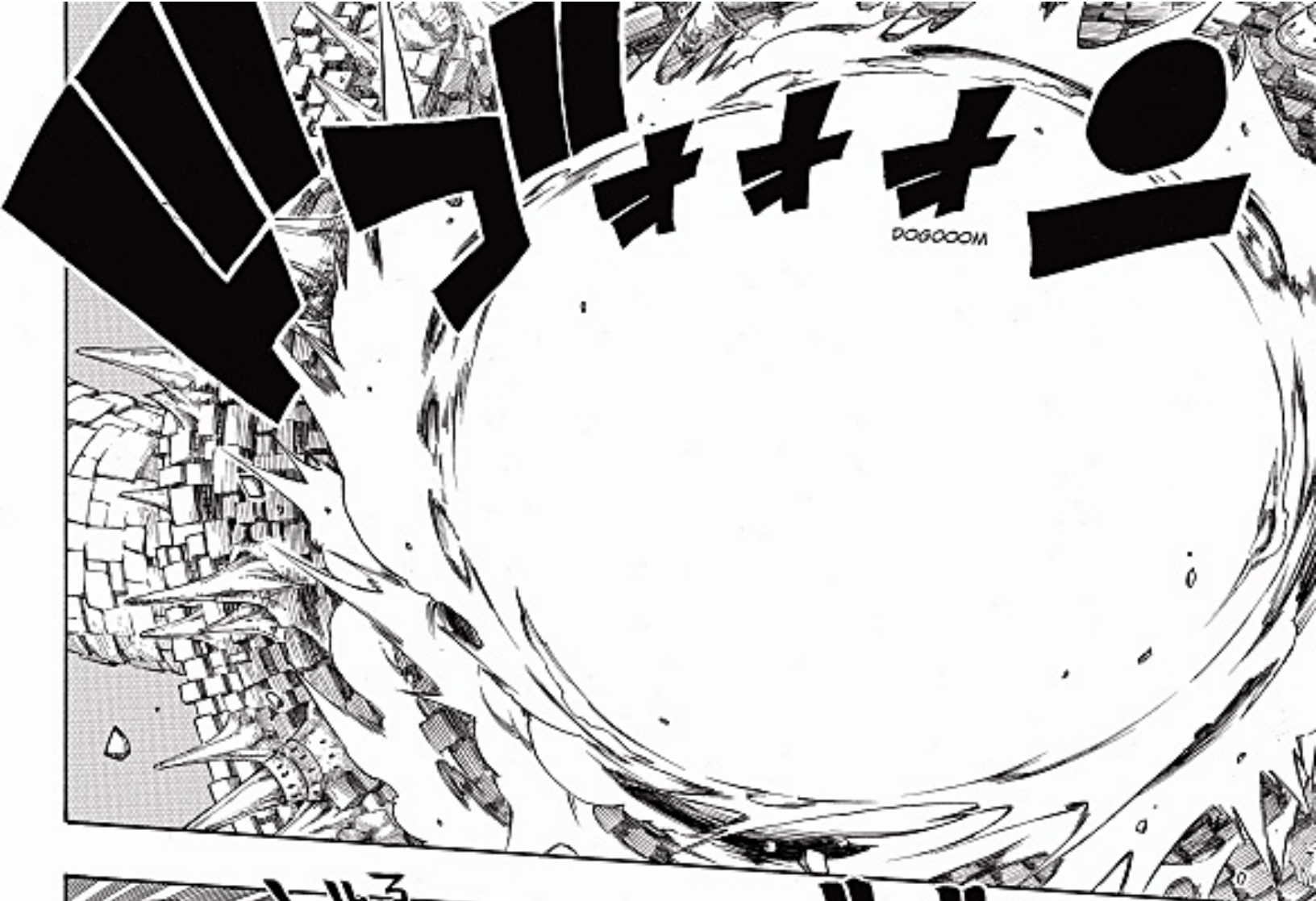


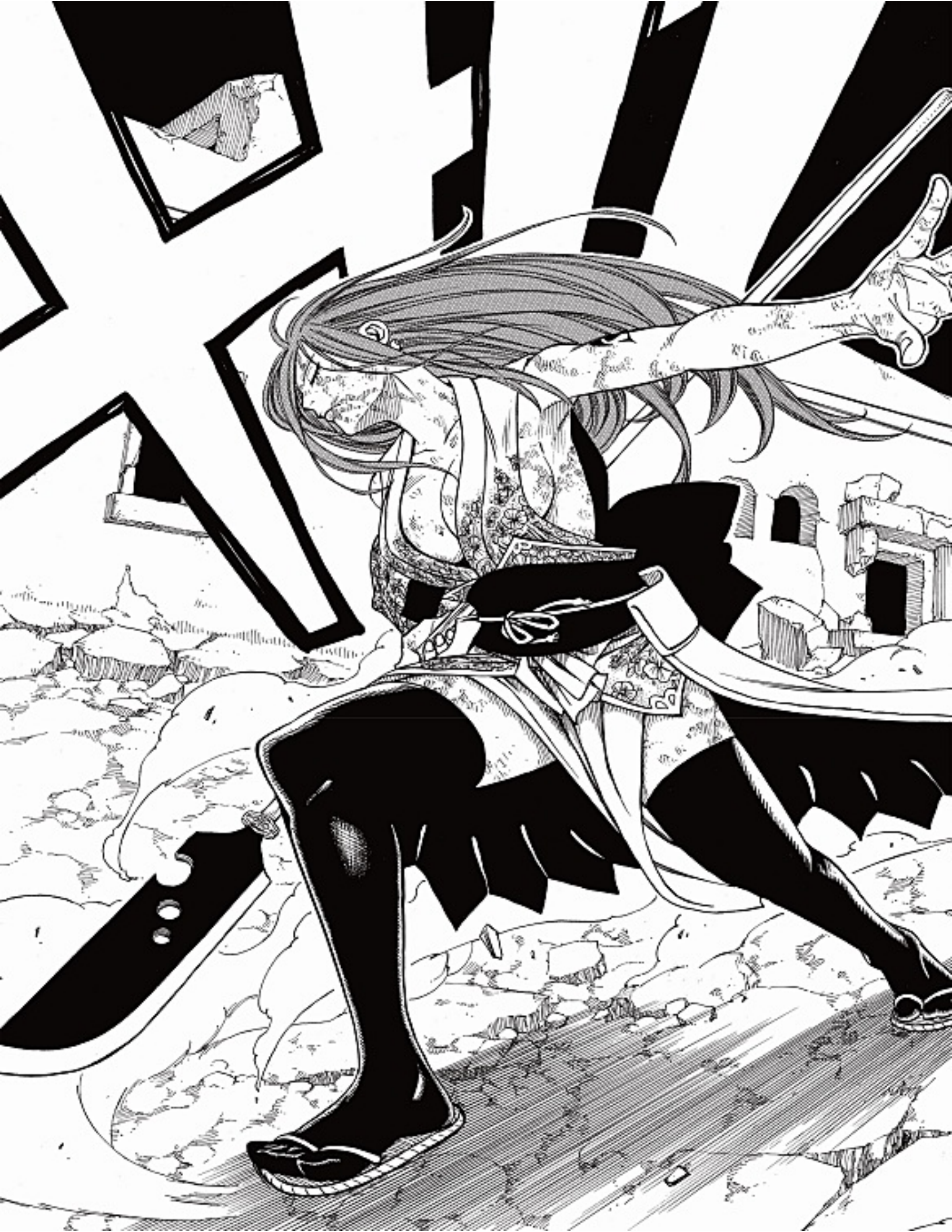




HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA!!!!

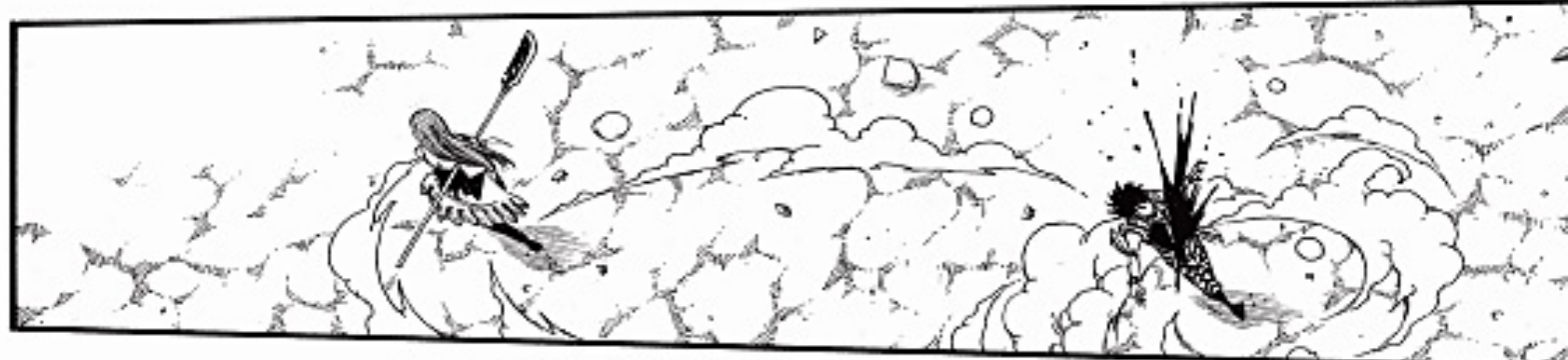








FLASH





Too bad
for you that
optical magic
doesn't work
on me.



Illu-
sion
?!!

That
was
...?!!

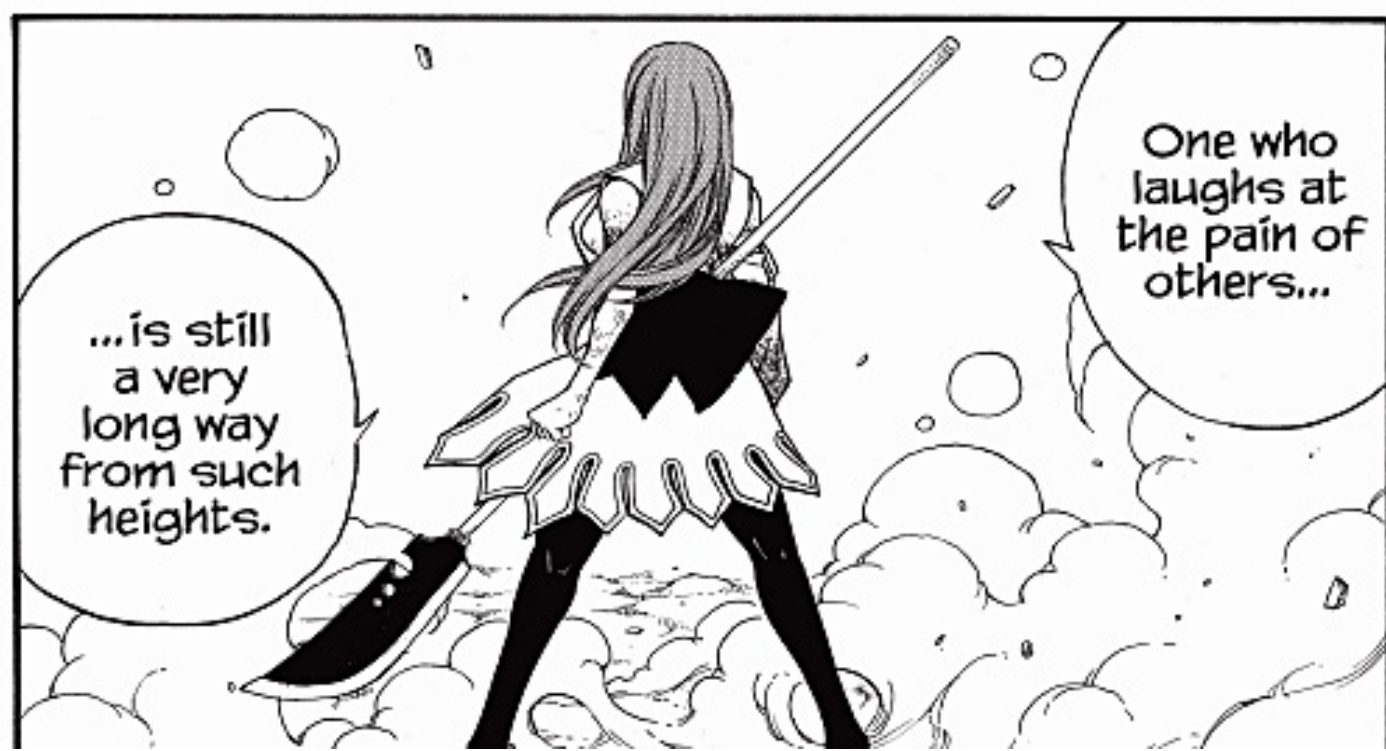


I am the...best...
The strongest
Oración Seis
member... Even
better...than
Father...

The best
wizard...that
no one could
ever...beat...



Th-That
can't be...



...is still
a very
long way
from such
heights.

One who
laughs at
the pain of
others...

WHUD

...was
nothing
more
than to
simply
sleep...

...in a
nice,
quiet
place
...

Urn...

My
prayer...

...then
first
you must
realize
your own
weak-
nesses.

If you truly
wish to be
tireless...

...Erza
can
be...?

This is
what
...

...become
a much
gentler
person.

Do that,
and you will
surely...

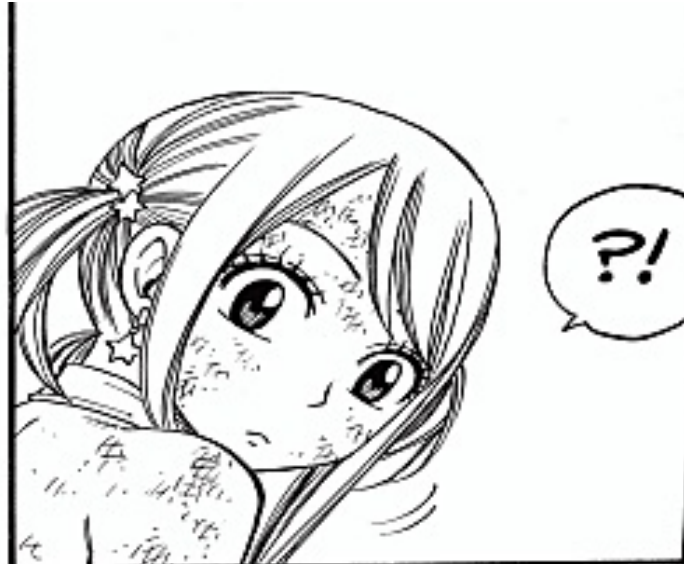
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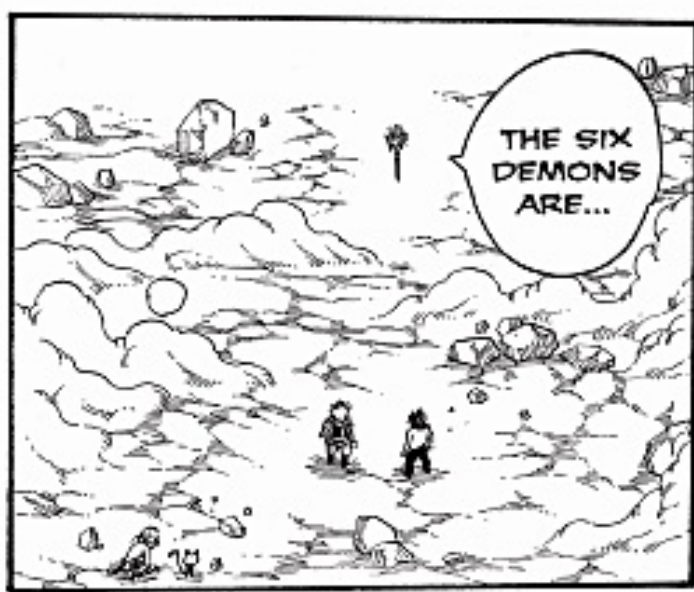
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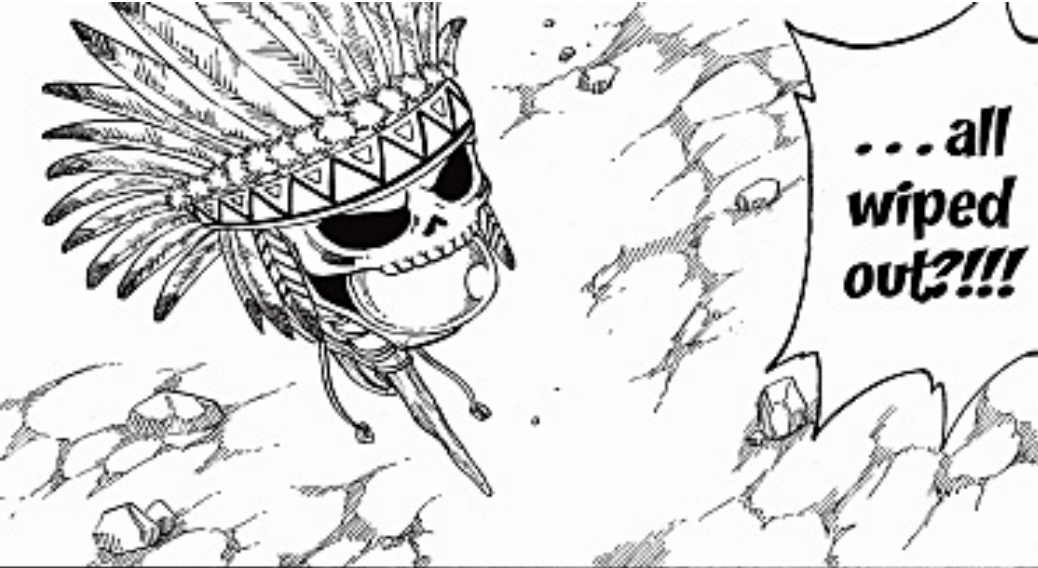


Chapter 156: Zero

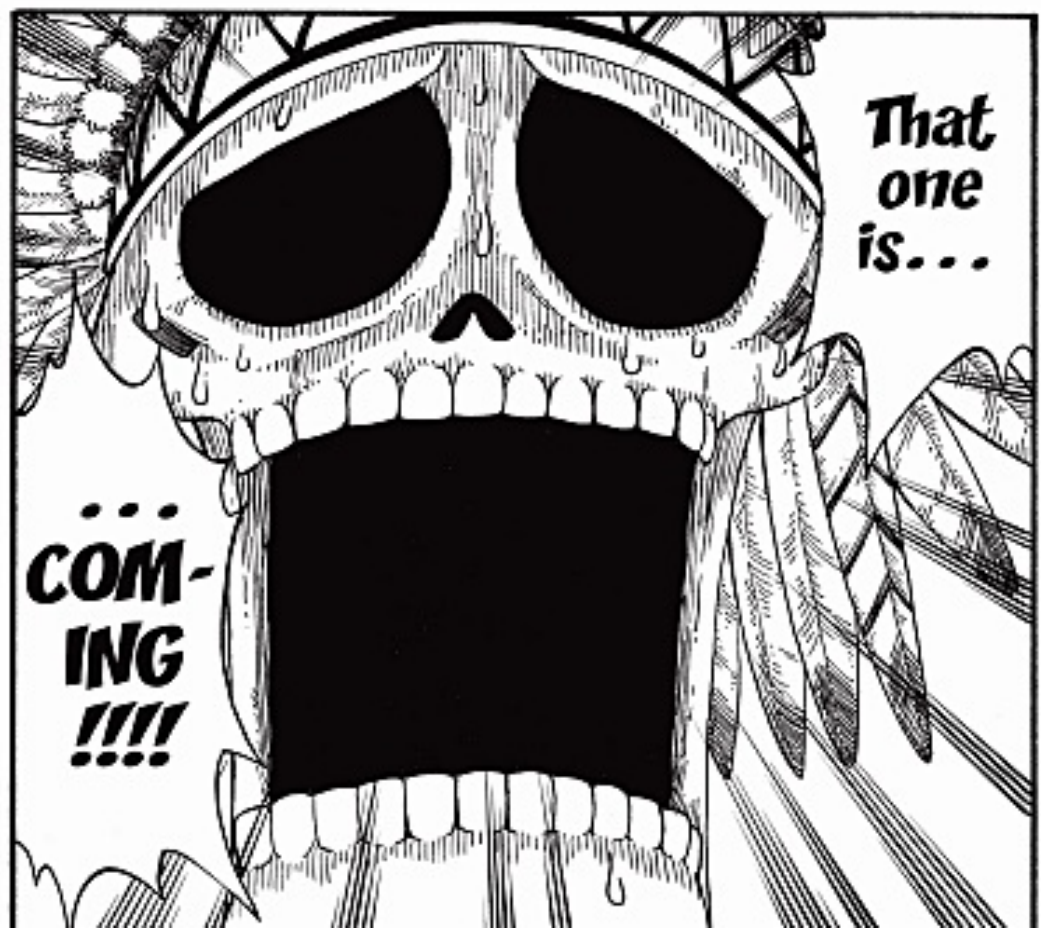
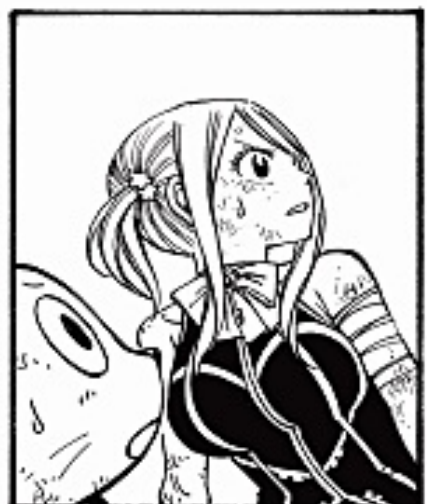


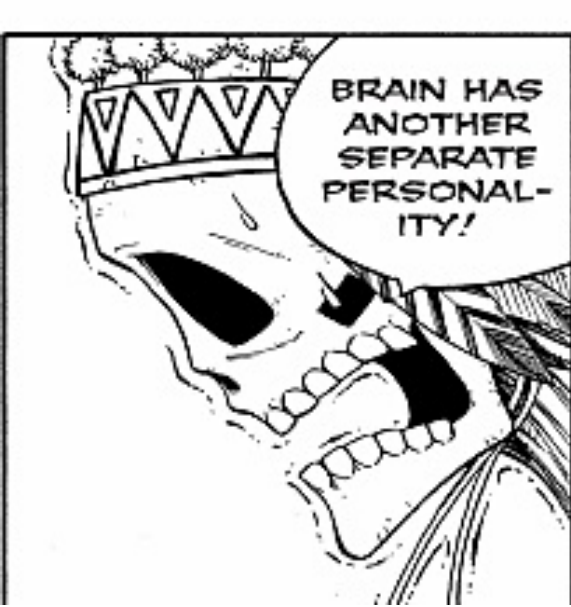


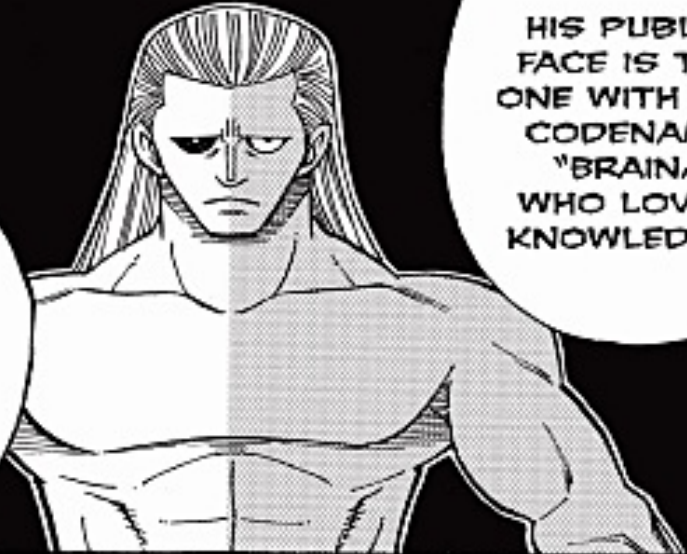




... all
wiped
out?!!!



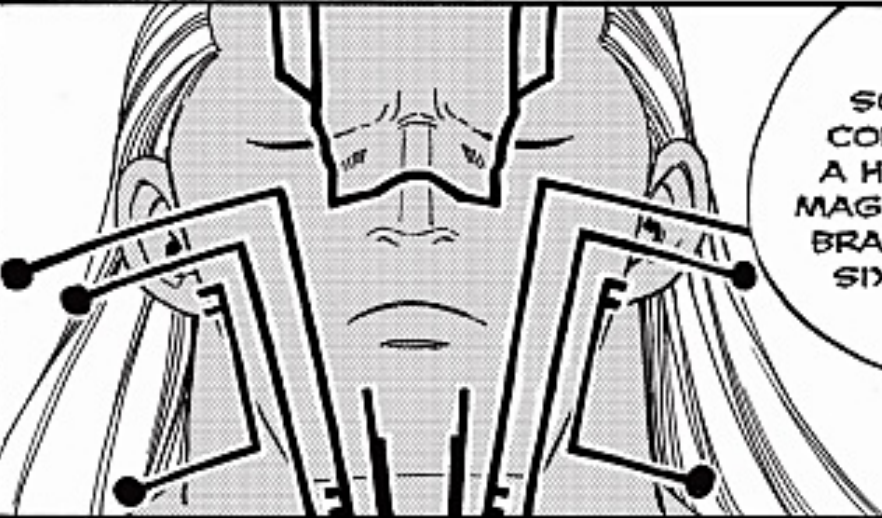
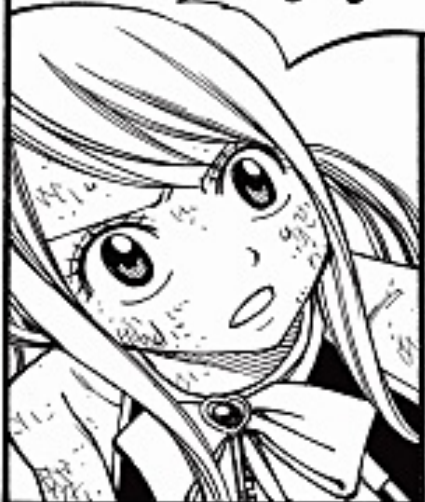




BUT HIS
SECRET
PERSONALITY,
WITH THE
CODENAME
"ZERO,"
LOVES ONLY
DESTRUCTION!

HIS PUBLIC
FACE IS THE
ONE WITH THE
CODENAME
"BRAIN,"
WHO LOVES
KNOWLEDGE.

?!

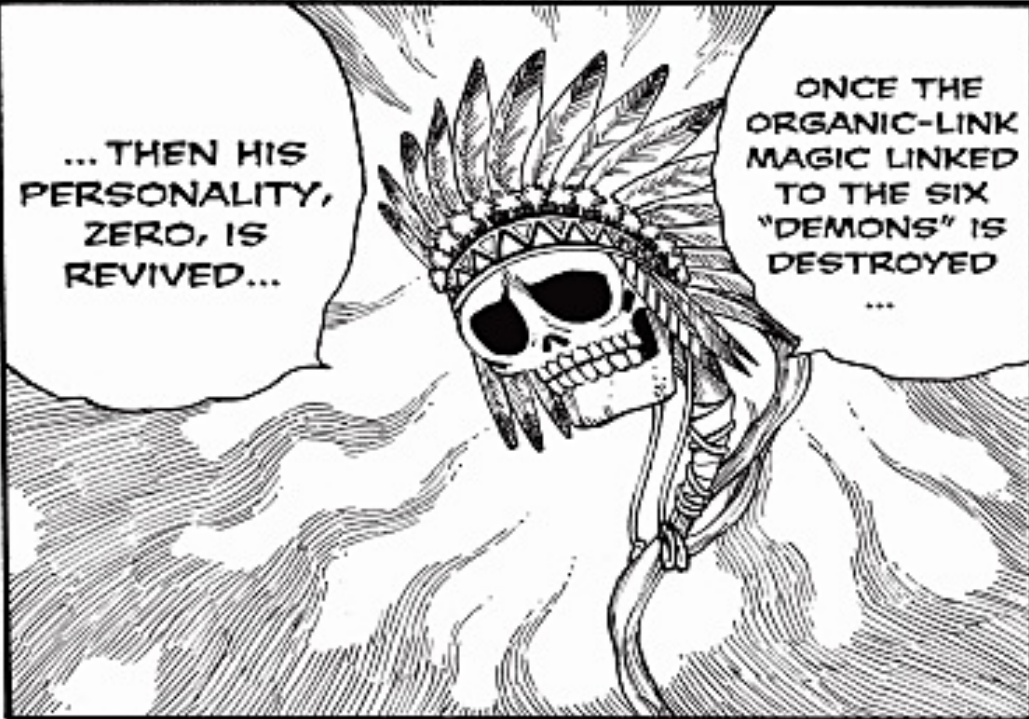


ZERO WAS
SO VIOLENT AND
CONTROLLED SUCH
A HUGE AMOUNT OF
MAGICAL POWER THAT
BRAIN HIMSELF USED
SIX KEYS TO SEAL
HIM AWAY.

Zero?!



... THEN HIS
PERSONALITY,
ZERO, IS
REVIVED...



ONCE THE
ORGANIC-LINK
MAGIC LINKED
TO THE SIX
"DEMONS" IS
DESTROYED
...

Those
keys
were the
Oración
Seis?!





I-I
WELCOME
YOU BACK
!!!!

MASTER
ZERO
!!!!



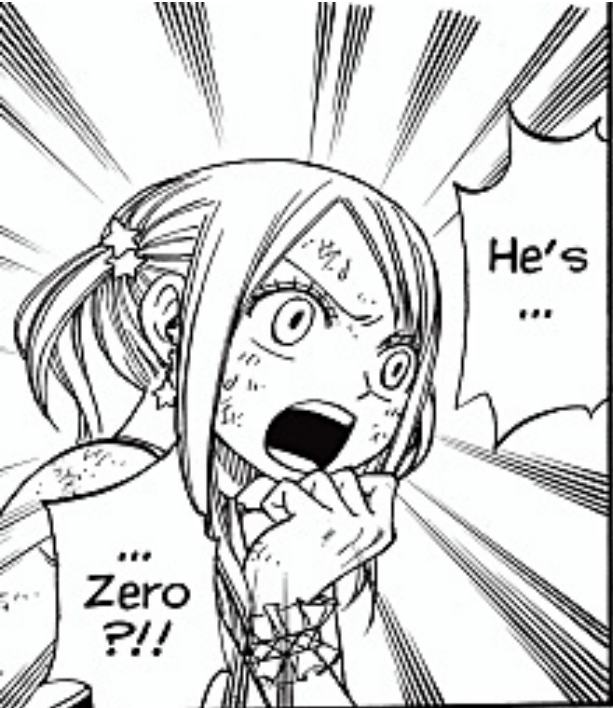
"Mas-
ter"?



So even
Midnight
has been
defeated?

It
seems things
have gotten
interesting,
Kurodoa.

YES, SIR!!!
I-I CAN'T
TELL YOU HOW
SORRY I AM
TO REPORT
IT!!!!



He's
...

...
Zero
?!!



Does this
fire you up,
Natsu?



This is
the first
time I've
ever seen
a magic
power this
creepy!



And as the
master,
I will now
draw the
line!



You
have really
wreaked
havoc on
my guild.

ORACIÓN SEIS
GUILD MASTER
ZERO



But I suppose...I should first take care of the baldy who managed to hurt Brain's body...



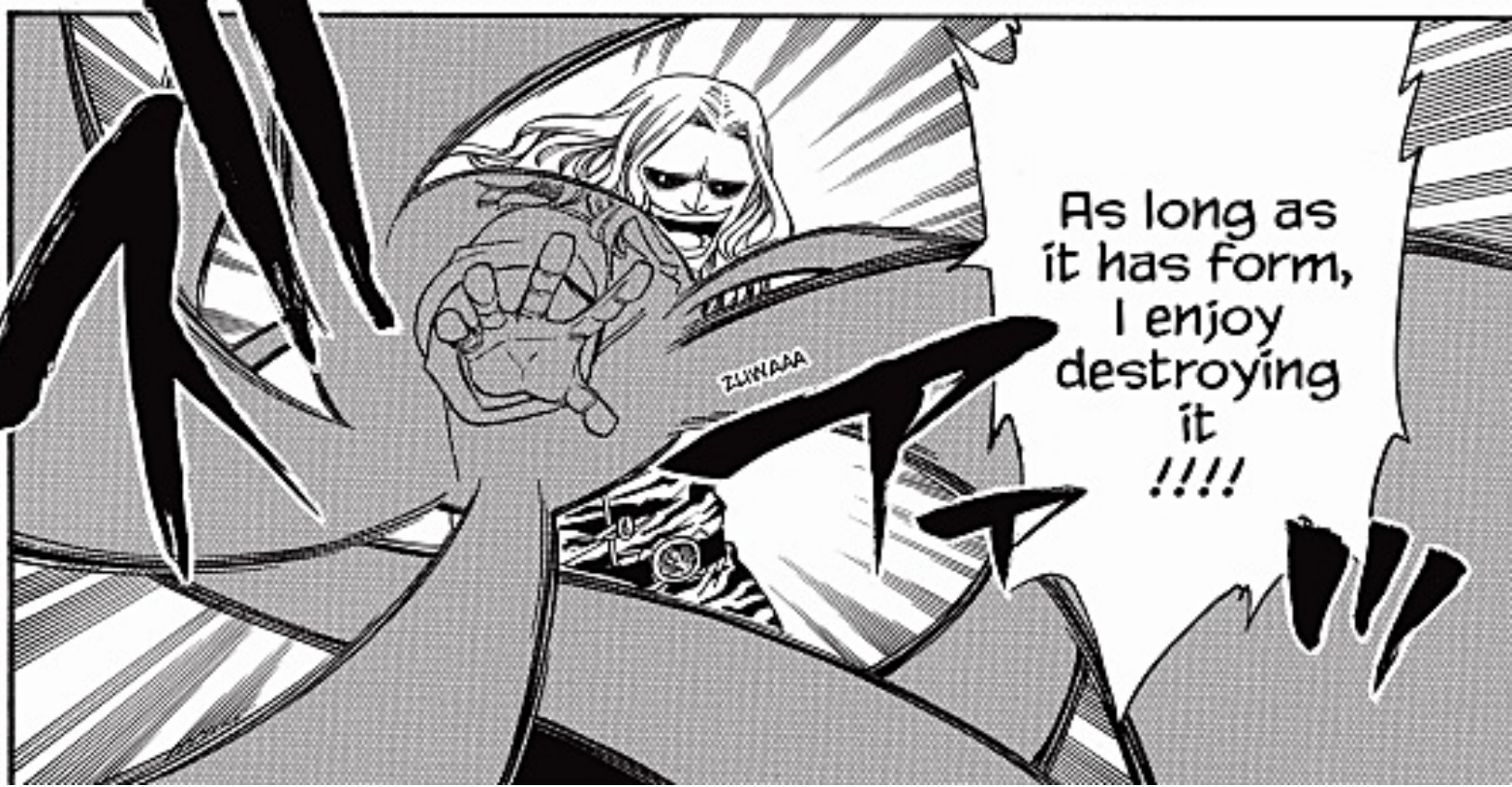
It doesn't make much difference whether my enemy can move or not.



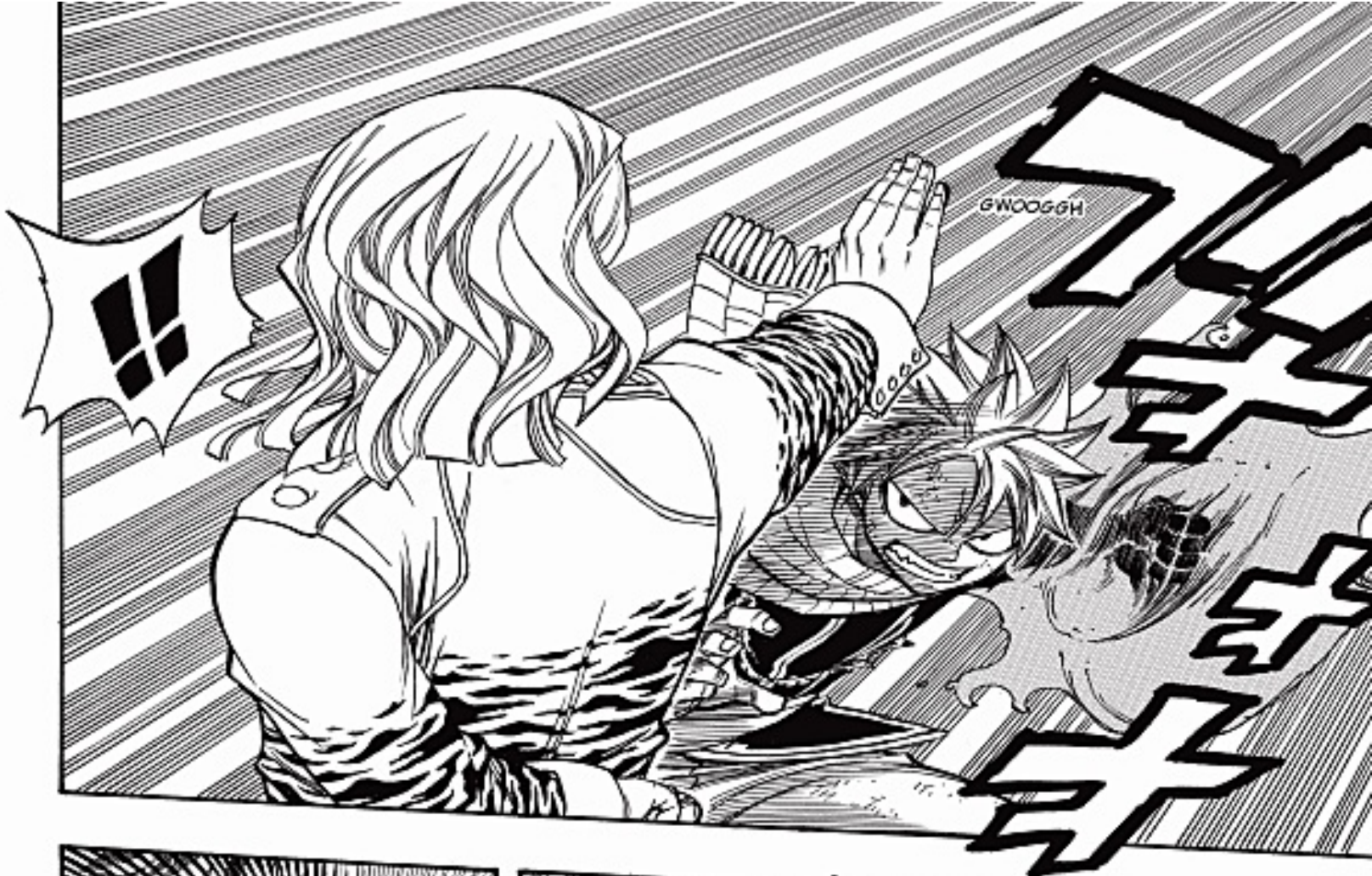
Are you gonna attack an enemy that can't fight back, you creep?!!!



I'll eliminate him!



As long as it has form, I enjoy destroying it !!!!







EH?



They
aren't
dead
yet.

YOU
FINISHED
OFF THOSE
PESTERING
BRATS SO
EASILY...



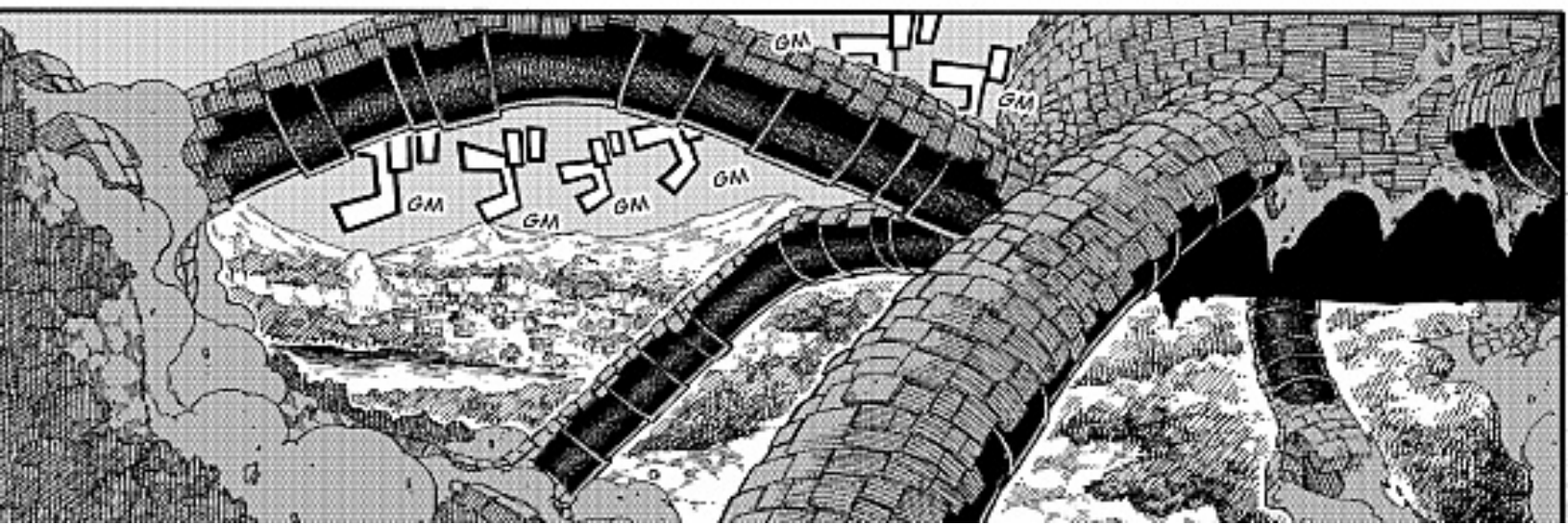
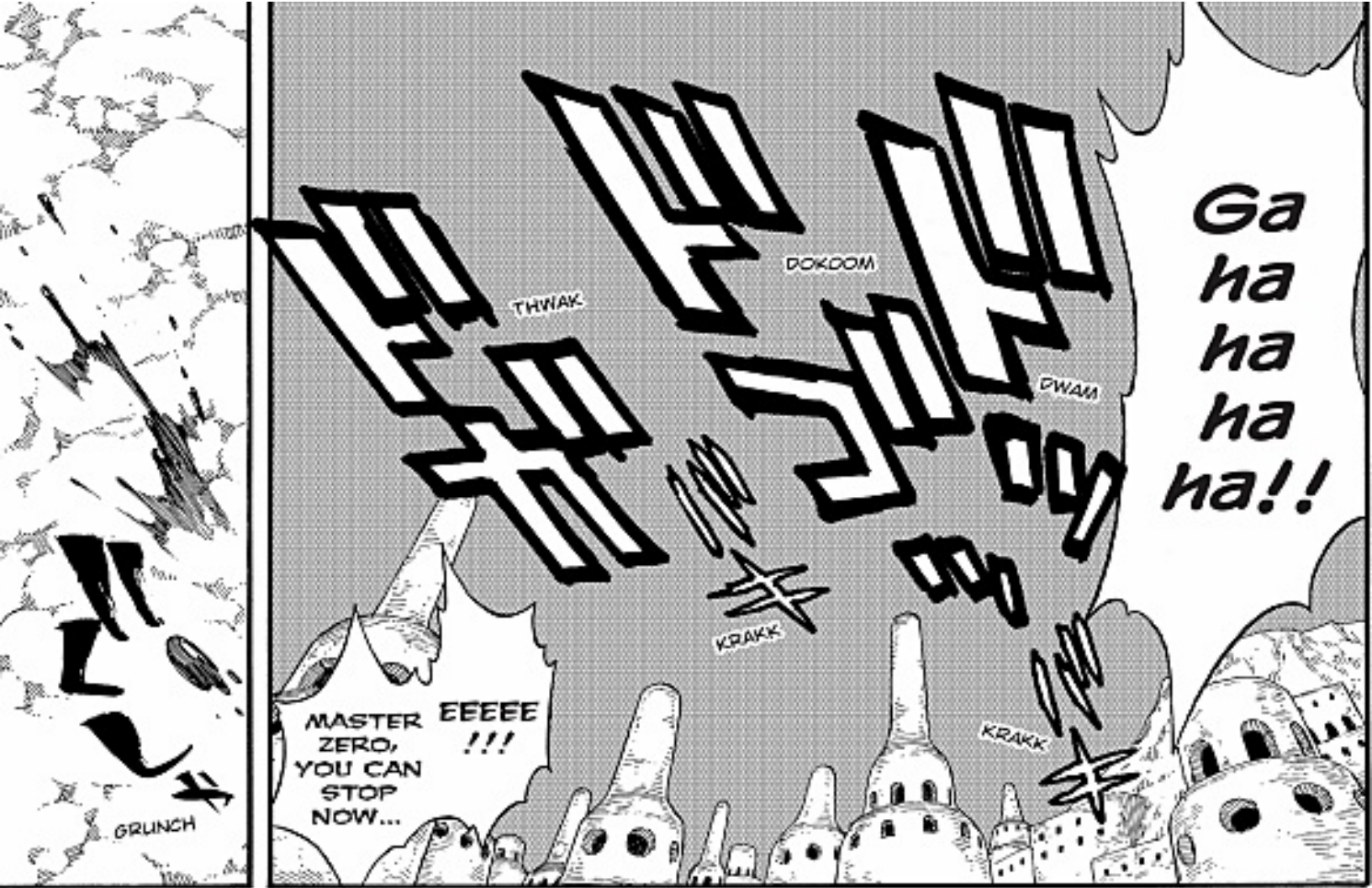
TH-
THAT'S
OUR
MASTER
ZERO FOR
YOU!!!!

SO
EXTREME-
LY WELL
DONE!!!!

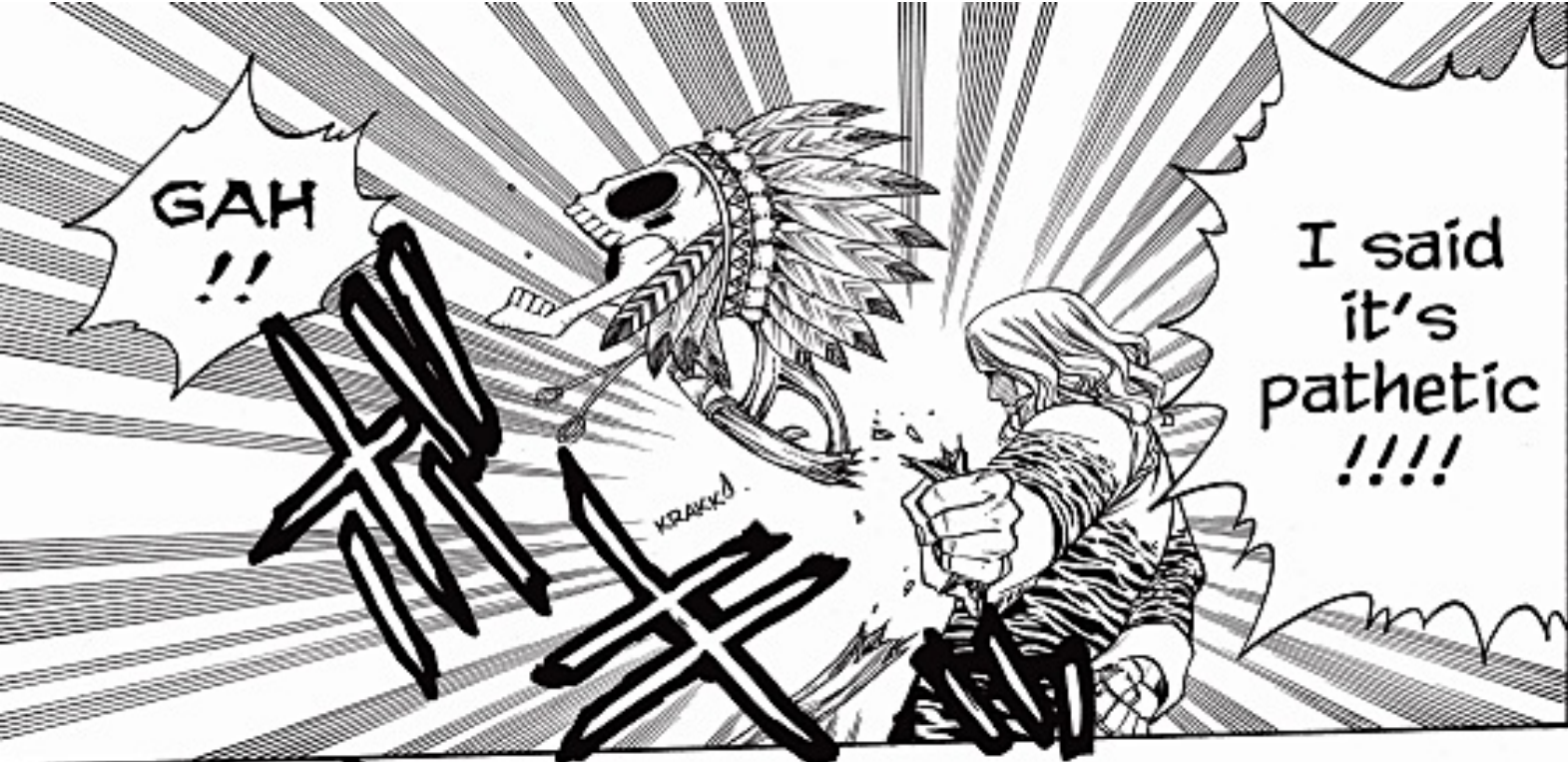
After
all, I
can
still see
what
you
look
like,
right
?!!



You
aren't
dead yet,
are you,
brats?!!!







GAH !!

**I said
it's
pathetic
!!!!**



KRUNCH

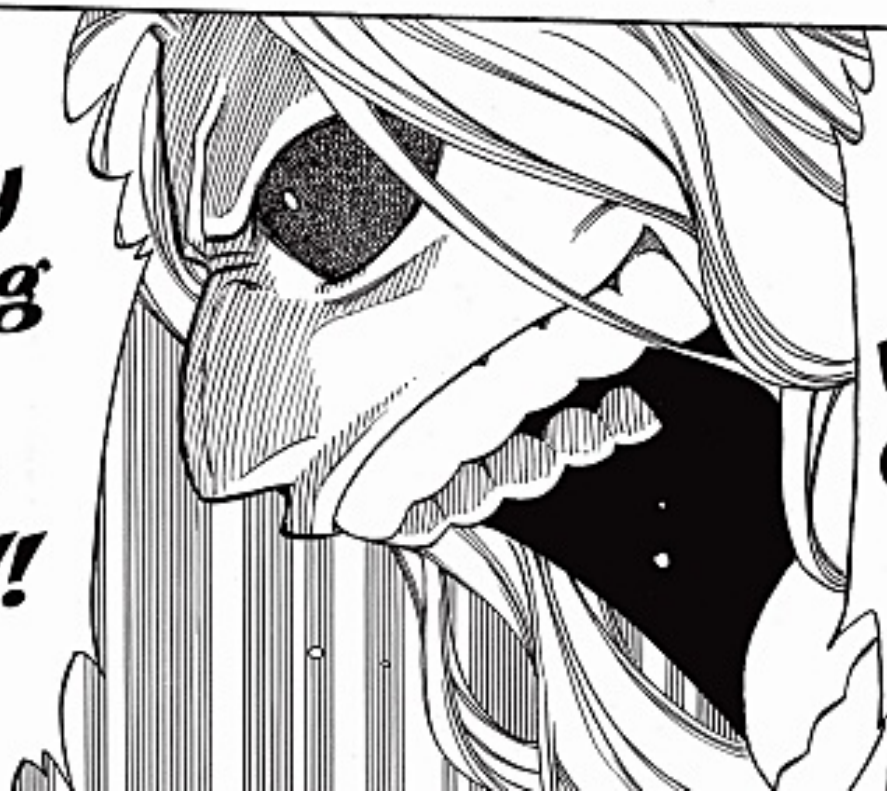
AGAH!



**WH-
WHAT
DID I
DO...**

**MASTER
ZERO!!!**

**Destroy
anything
and
every-
thing!!!!**



**I just
want to
destroy
!!!!**

**It's solid,
and I can
see it!!!!
That's why
I want to
destroy
it!!!!**



**And
this is the
very first
shot!!!! I
don't need
a reason
!!!!**

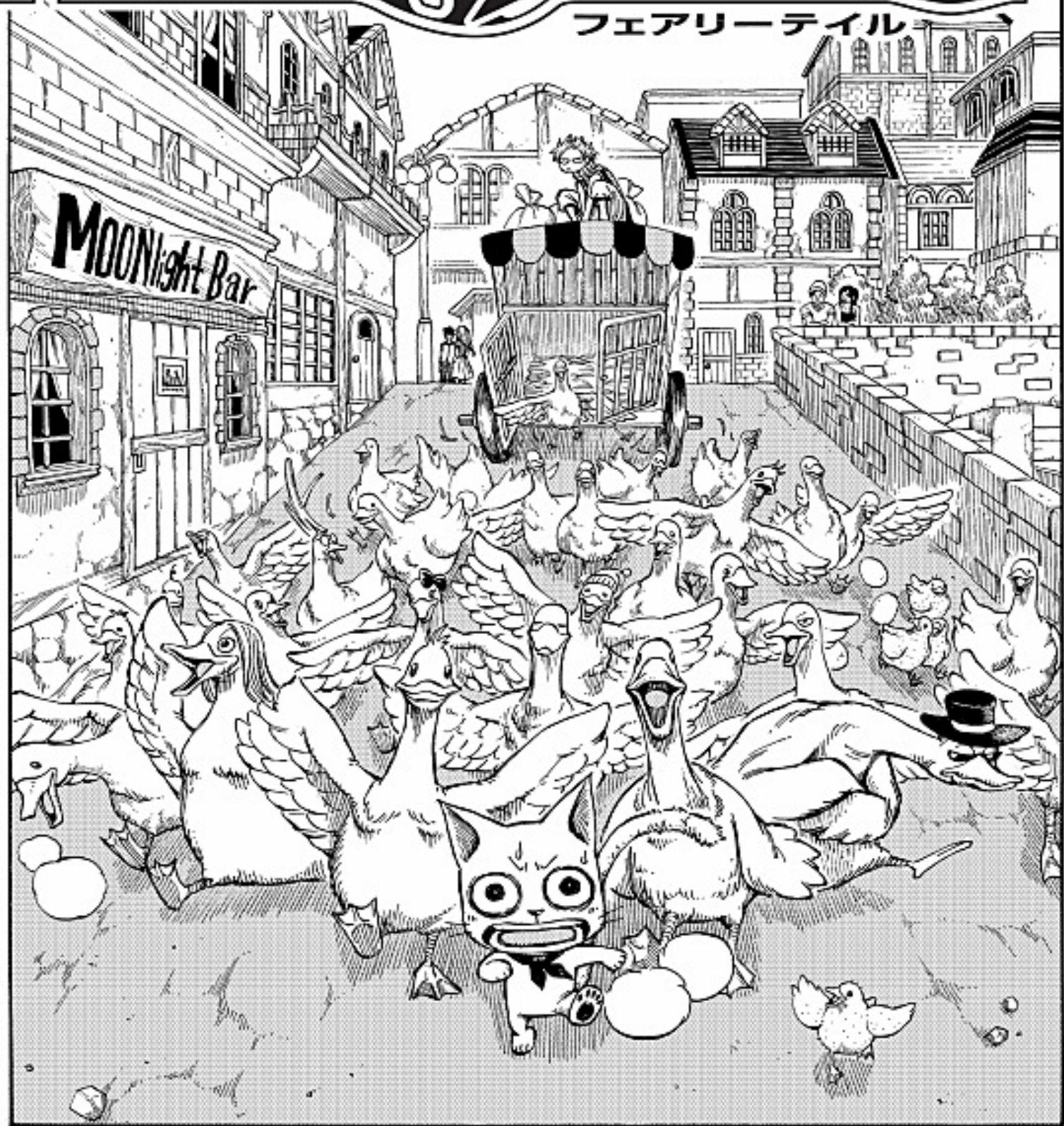
!!
GWOON

**NIRVANA,
FIRE
!!!!**

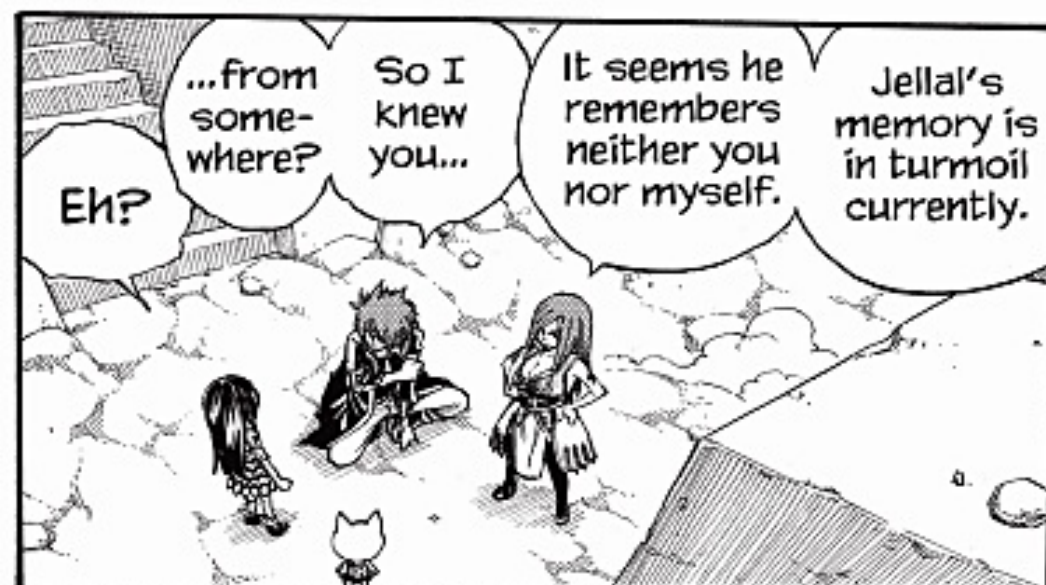


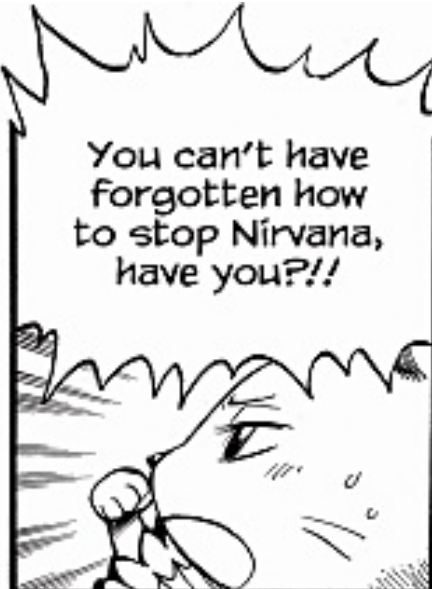
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



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This is
punish-
ment for
our nabura
heavy
sins!

This is
our fate!



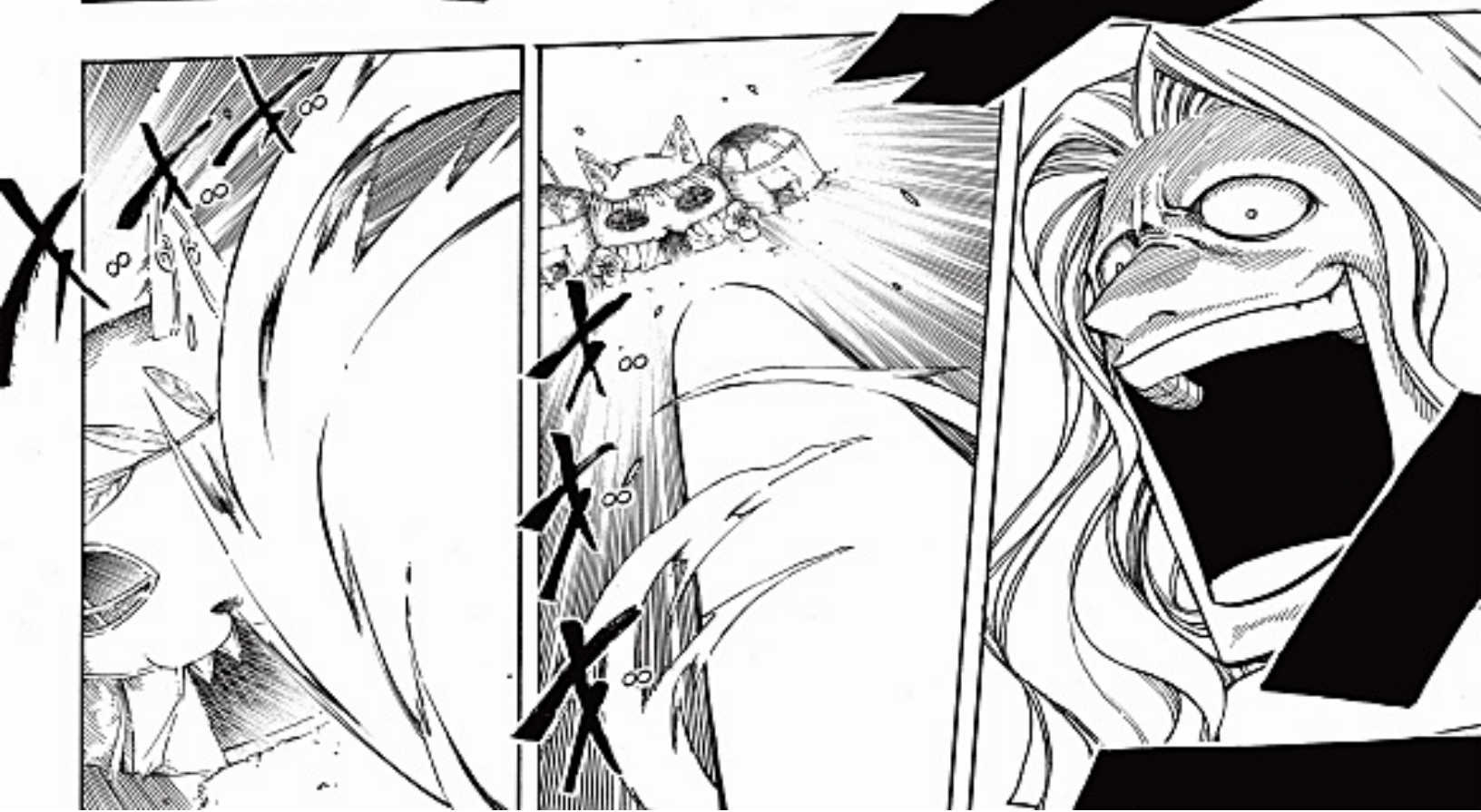
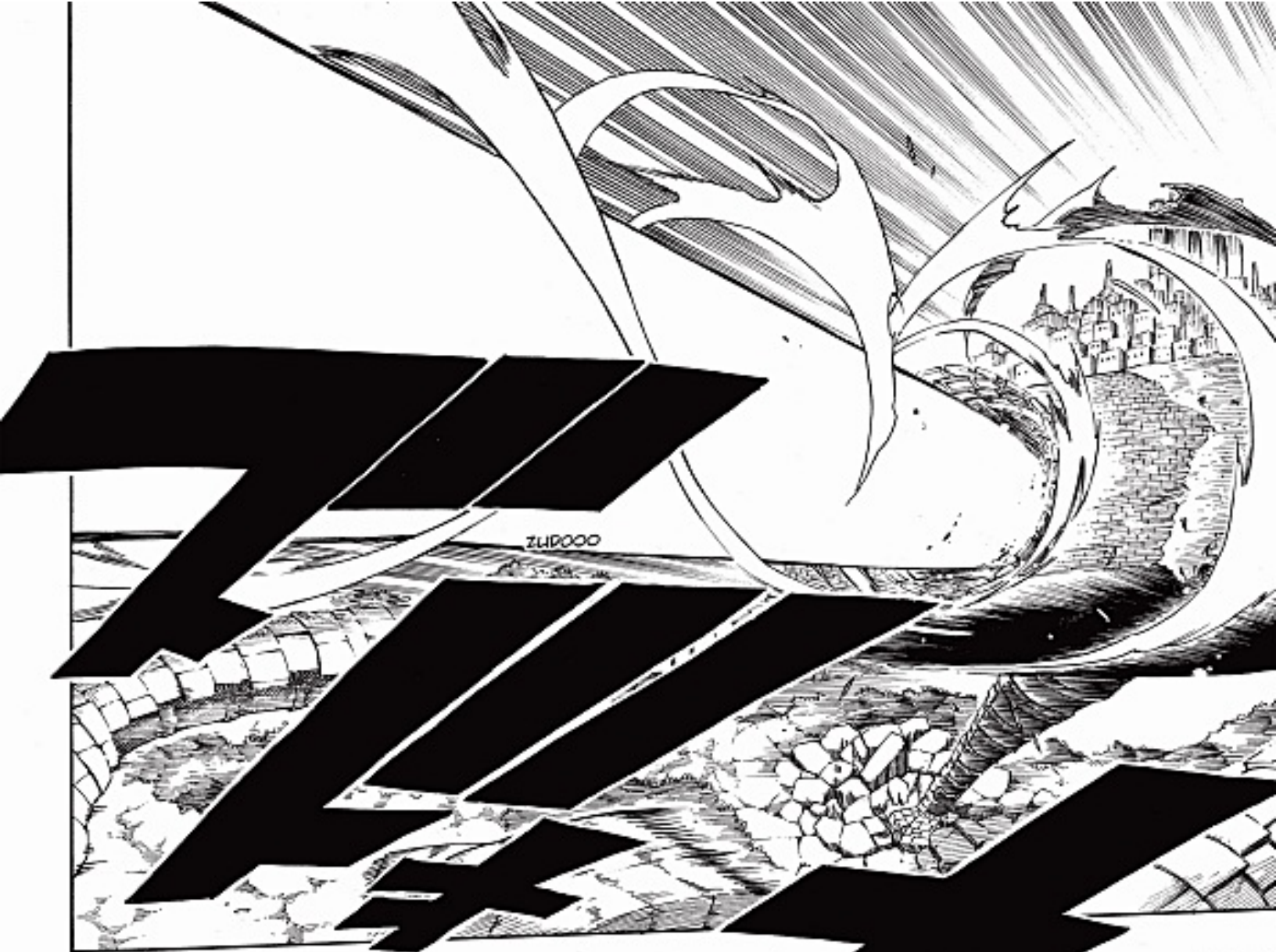
**All good
intentions
should be
blown to
dust!!!!**

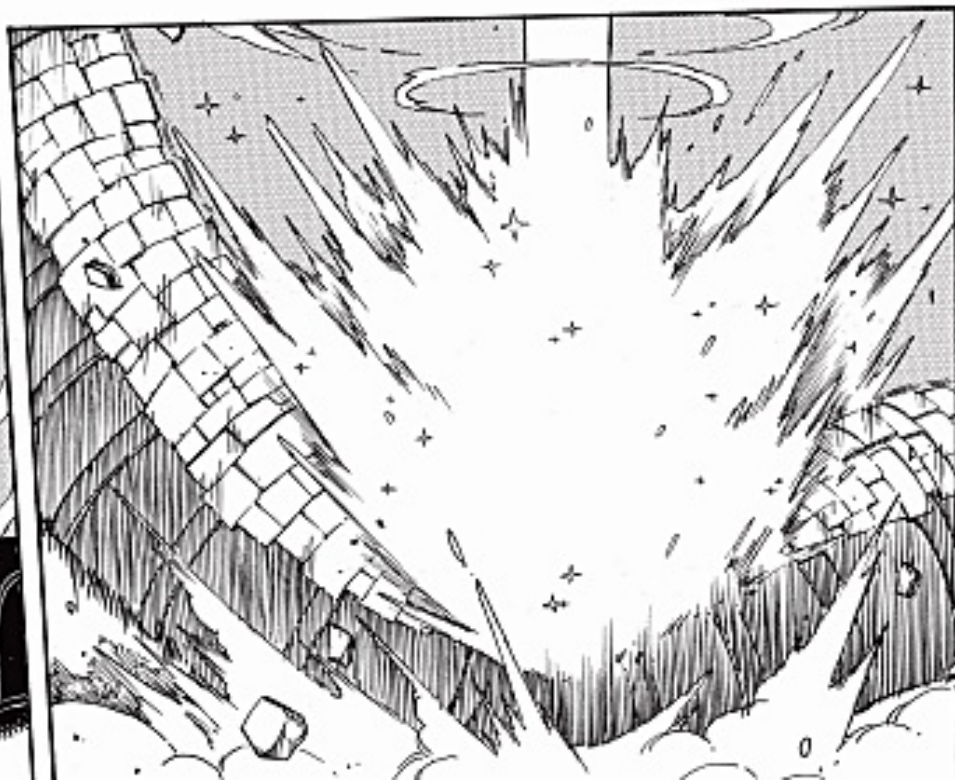
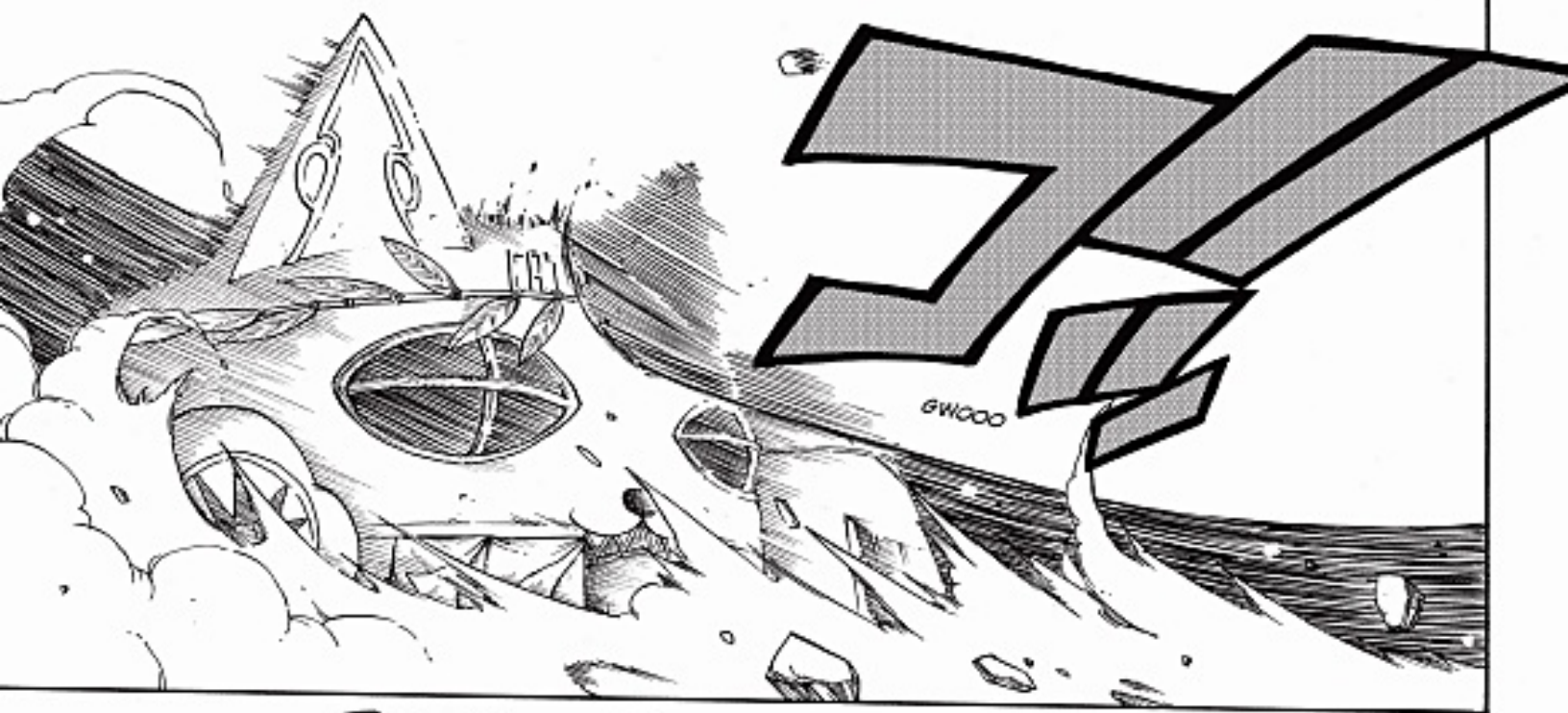


FLASH

**NO,
DON'T
!!!!**

Are you
saying that
Nirvana's
about to
fire?!!











IF YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT,
SEND ME A
REPLY!!!!

CAN
ANYONE
HEAR ME?!
ANYBODY
...



PIKON

PIKON

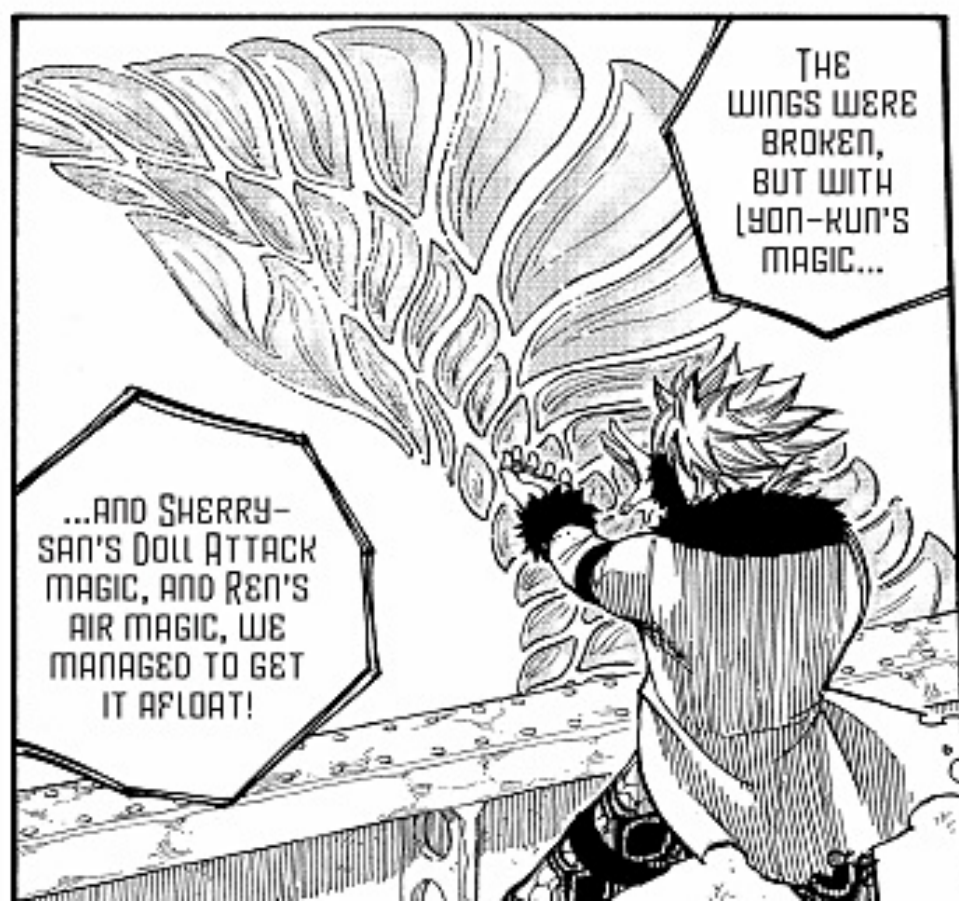
WENDY-
CHAN TOO!
YOU'RE
BOTH OKAY,
RIGHT?

ERZA-
SAN?



Is that
Hibiki?

Wow!



THE
WINGS WERE
BROKEN,
BUT WITH
YON-RUN'S
MAGIC...

...AND SHERRY-
SAN'S DOLL ATTACK
MAGIC, AND REN'S
AIR MAGIC, WE
MANAGED TO GET
IT AFLOAT!

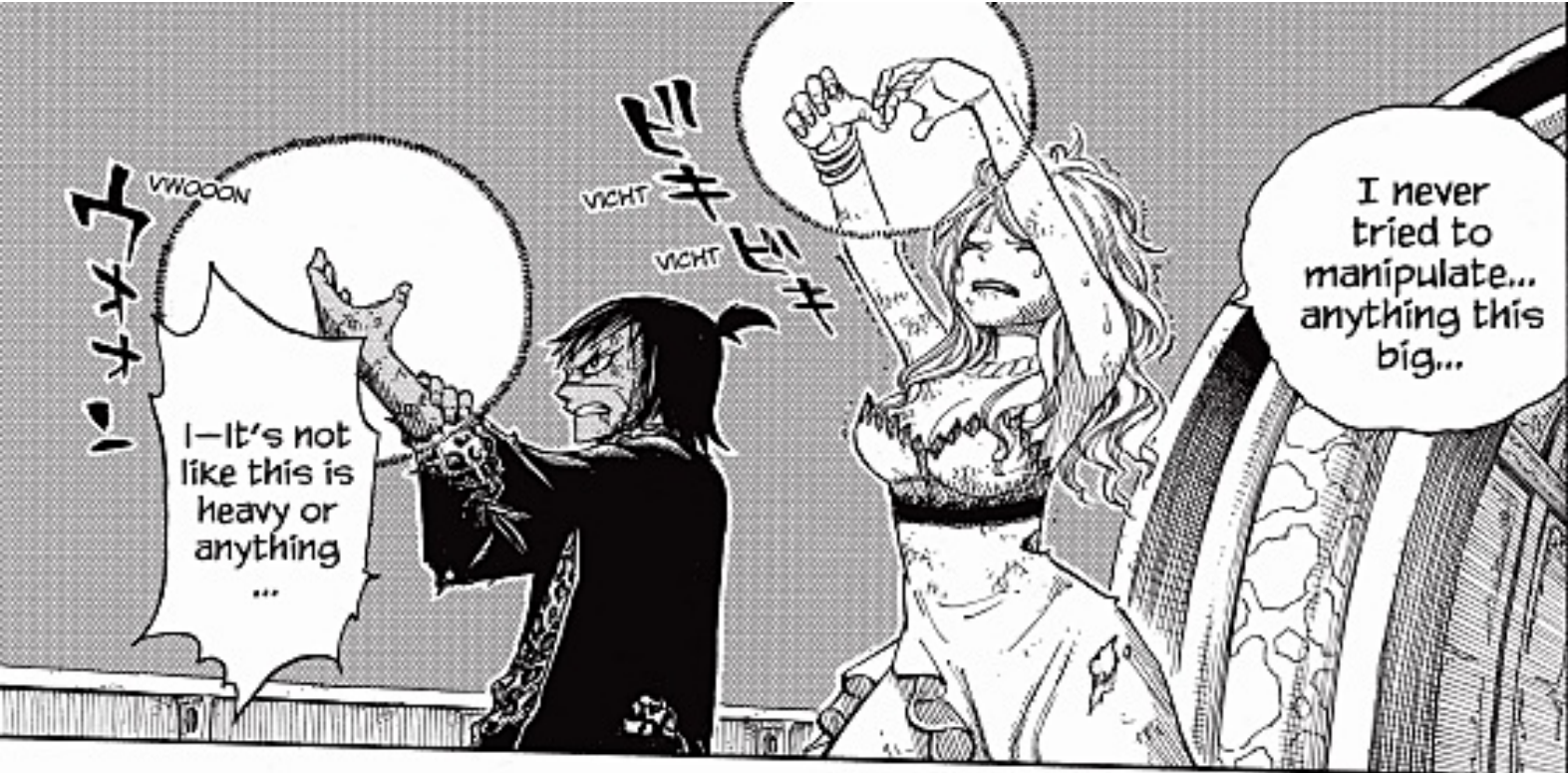


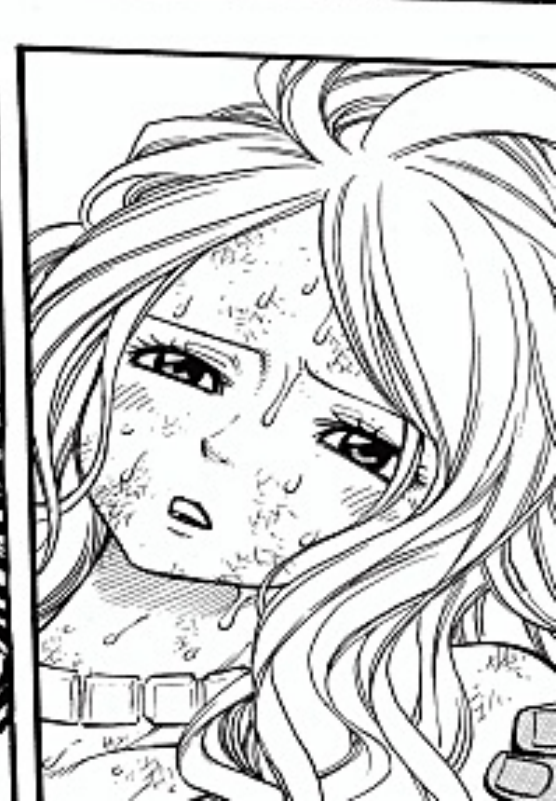
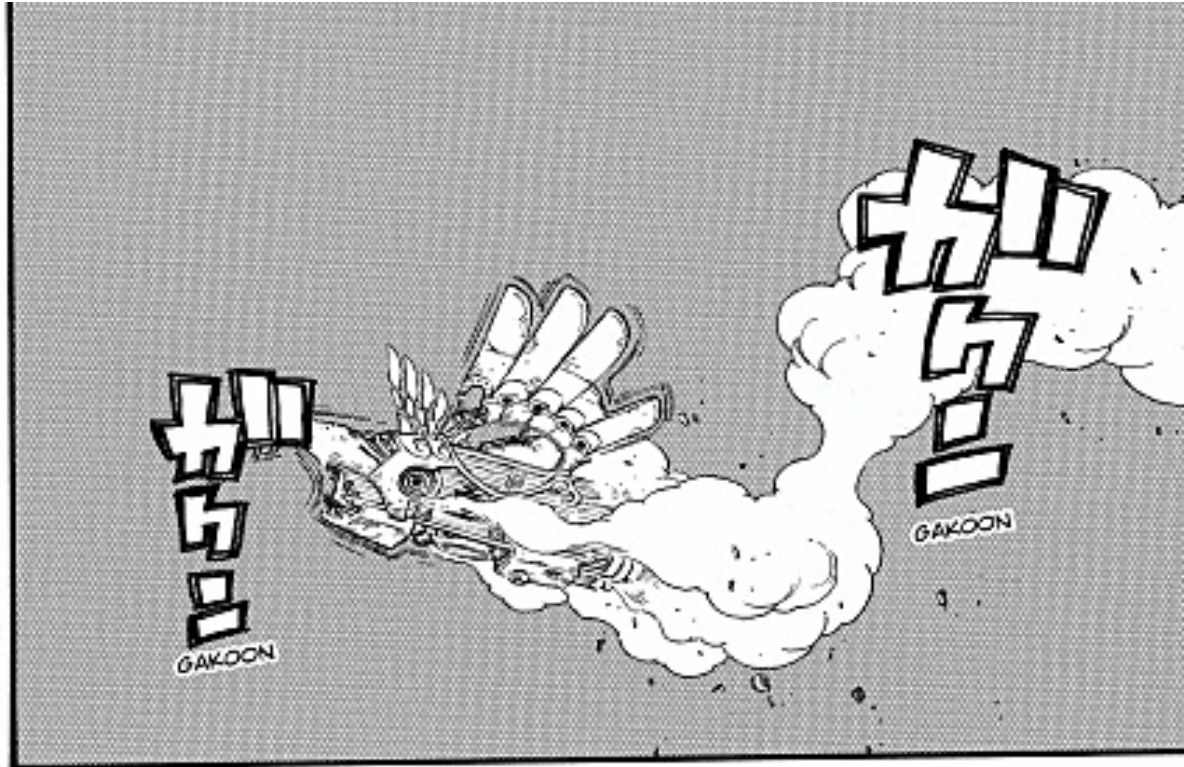
What's
going on?
I remember
Christina
came under
a fierce
attack...



I'm all
right too...
more or
less.

SEMPAI!!
THANK
GOODNESS!!





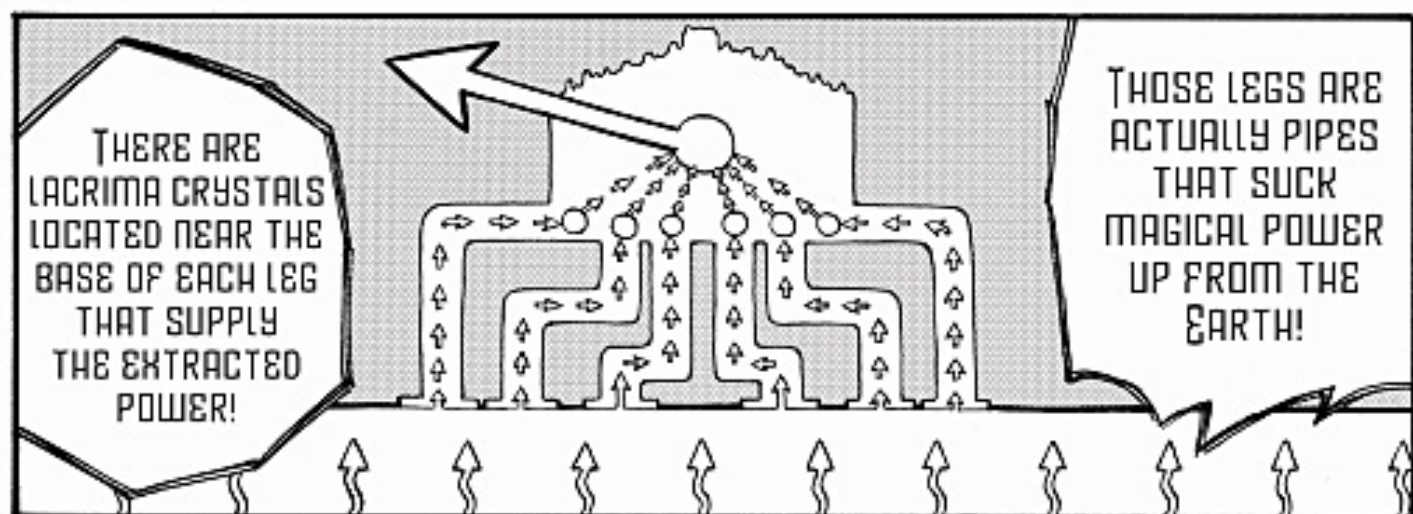
THE WAY TO STOP NIRVANA!!!!



THERE ARE
SIX LEG-LIKE
THINGS ON
NIRVANA,
RIGHT?



Is that
true?!



THERE ARE
LACRIMA CRYSTALS
LOCATED NEAR THE
BASE OF EACH LEG
THAT SUPPLY
THE EXTRACTED
POWER!

THOSE LEGS ARE
ACTUALLY PIPES
THAT SUCK
MAGICAL POWER
UP FROM THE
EARTH!

DOING IT ONE AT
A TIME WON'T
WORK! THERE ARE
OTHER LACRIMA
THAT WILL REPAIR
ANY DAMAGE TO
THEM!

A SIMULTANEOUS
STRIKE THAT
DESTROYS THEM
ALL AT ONCE SHOULD
STOP NIRVANA!



I'D LIKE TO
COORDINATE THE
TIMING FOR YOU,
BUT...I DON'T
THINK I CAN LAST
THAT LONG.

A simul-
taneous
strike?!
How?!

A WASTED
EFFORT...

PING

Twenty
minutes?

PING

THAT'S JUST
PRIOR TO THE
NEXT CHARGE
OF NIRVANA'S
POWER.

PING

PING

INSTEAD, I'LL
UPLOAD THE
TIMING TO YOUR
HEADS.

I KNOW YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO DO
IT!! I BELIEVE IN
YOU!!



He's
jacking
into my
telepathy
?!!



Is
that
Brain
?!!



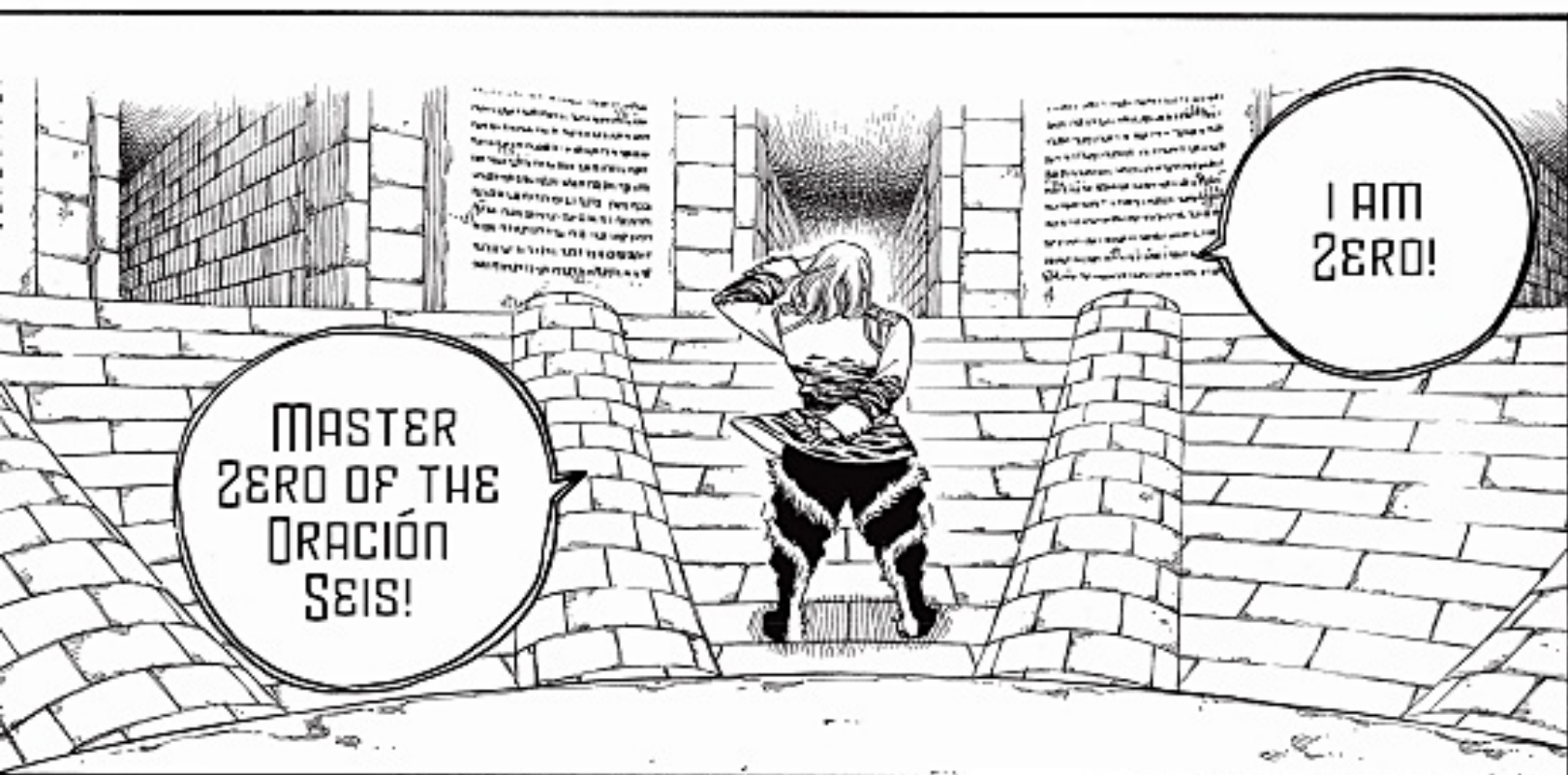
That
voice
...



Who is
that?!!



!!!



MASTER
ZERO OF THE
ORACIÓN
SEIS!

I AM
ZERO!



I WILL NOW
BEGIN TO
DESTROY
EVERYTHING IN
EXISTENCE!!!!

NOW LISTEN
CLOSELY,
WIZARDS OF
LIGHT!!!



*I get it now...
He found out
about Nirvana
because it was
in the Archive?*

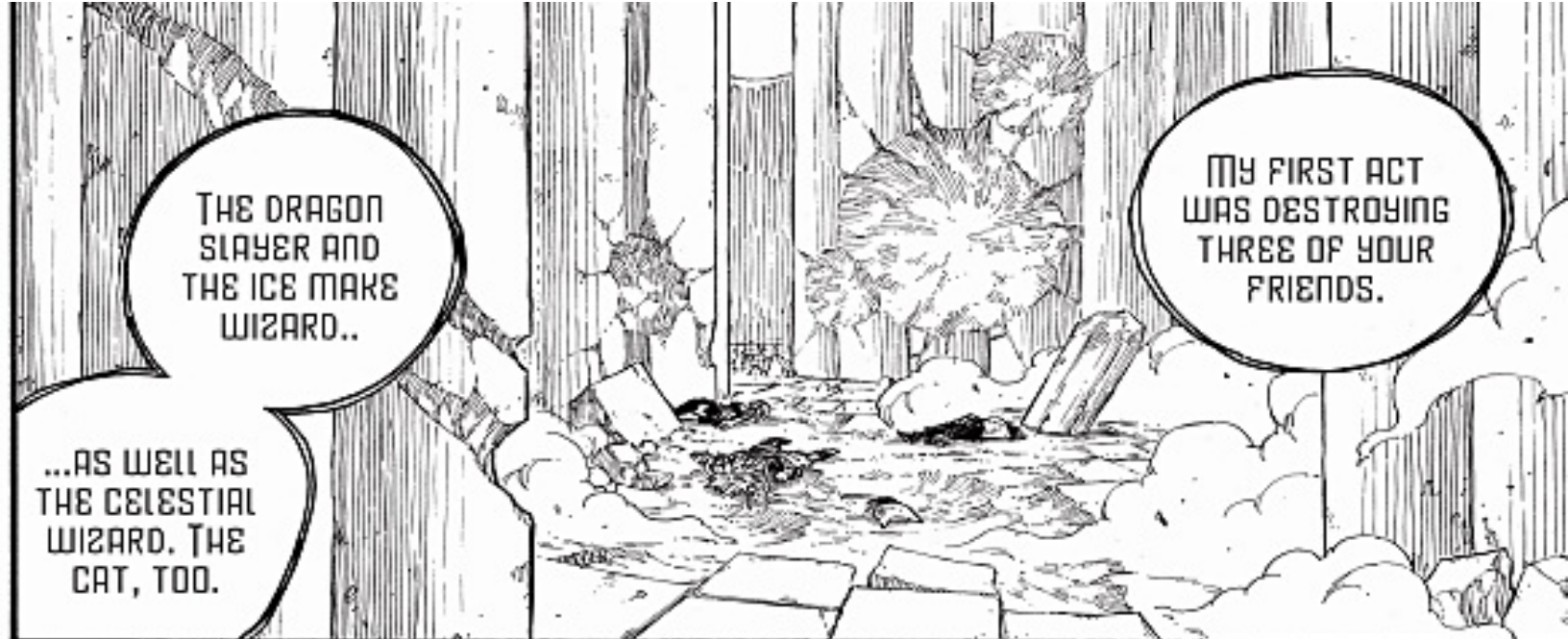


I NEVER
SUSPECTED
ANY OTHER
WIZARD HAD
ARCHIVE
ABILITY LIKE
BRAIN DID...

FIRST,
I MUST
COMMEND
YOU.



The
Oración
Seis had a
master?!



THE DRAGON
SLAYER AND
THE ICE MAKE
WIZARD..

...AS WELL AS
THE CELESTIAL
WIZARD. THE
CAT, TOO.

MY FIRST ACT
WAS DESTROYING
THREE OF YOUR
FRIENDS.



YOU SAID
SOMETHING ABOUT
DESTROYING THE
LACRIMA IN A
SIMULTANEOUS
ATTACK?



.....

You're
lying!!!



NATSU'S
GROUP...?!



WA HA HA HA
HA!!!! AND AS LONG
AS I'M HERE, YOU
WILL NEVER BE
ABLE TO DESTROY
THEM ALL AT
ONCE!!!!

I AM IN FRONT
OF ONE OF
THOSE LACRIMA
RIGHT NOW!



YOU HAVE A
ONE-IN-SIX CHANCE
OF FINDING THE
LACRIMA WHERE
ZERO IS, AND IT'S
OBVIOUS THAT NO
ONE BUT ERZA IS A
MATCH FOR HIM.



My telepathic
connection to
Zero has been
cut off...



It's
just us
two?

Aren't
there any
others
out there
who can
function?!!



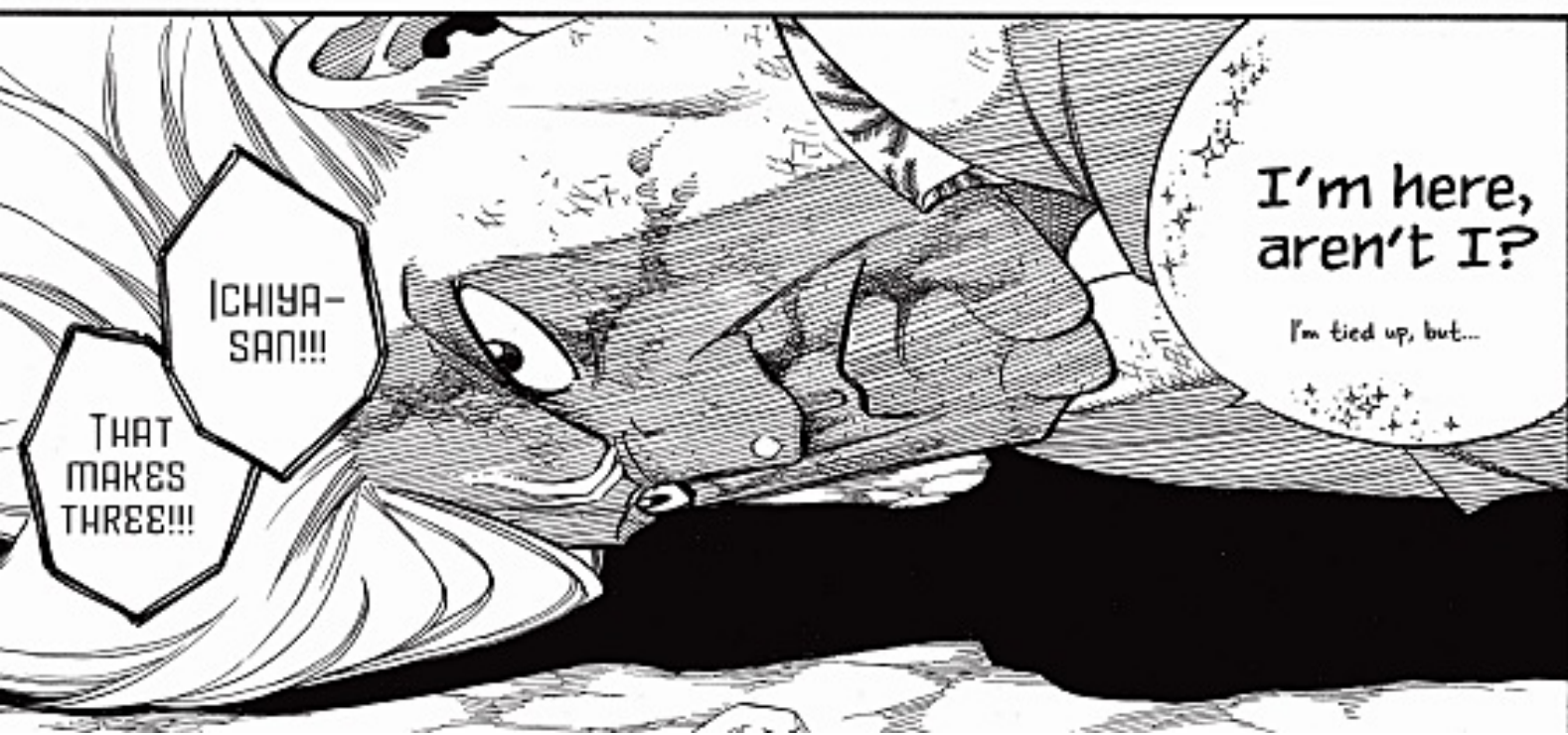
?!!

I-I don't
have any
destructive
magic... I'm
sorry...



We
don't...
even have
six...!!

We don't have
six wizards to
take out the
lacrima!!!!



ICHIYA-
SAN!!!

THAT
MAKES
THREE!!!

I'm here,
aren't I?

I'm tied up, but...



Stand up now...

Gray ...



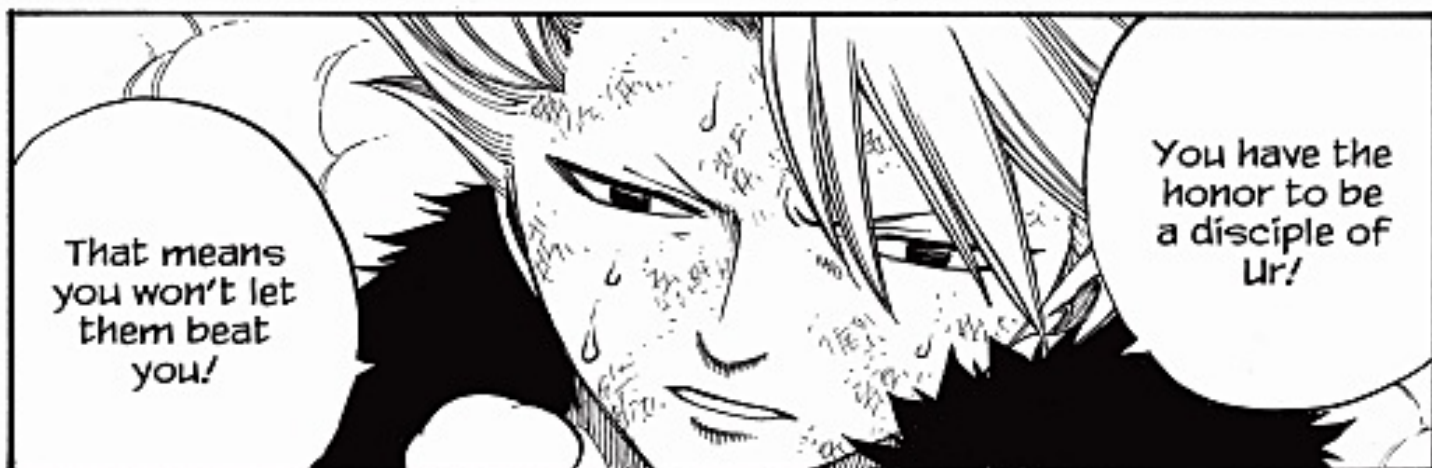
We need three more!
Somebody out there respond!!!



THIS IS BAD... MY MAGIC...AND... TELEPATHY IS ALREADY...

HAHH

HAHH



That means you won't let them beat you!

You have the honor to be a disciple of Ur!

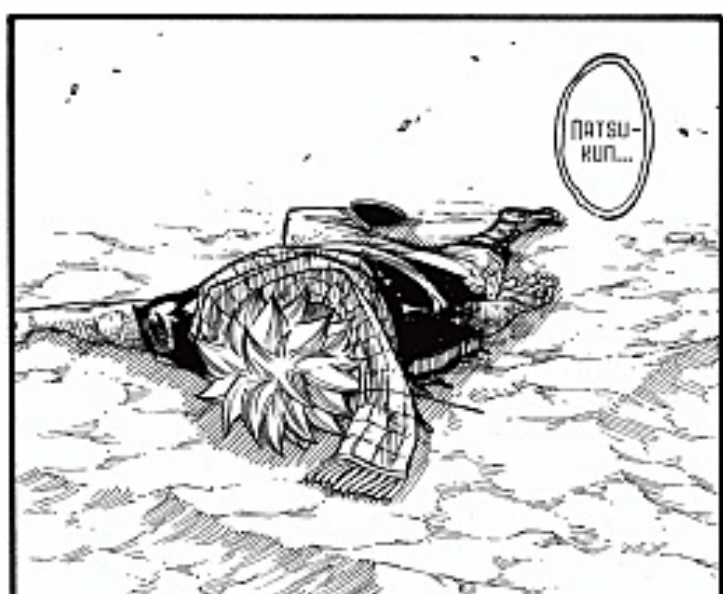


She's stupid and clumsy and weak...

She may pass for cute, but it goes to her head...

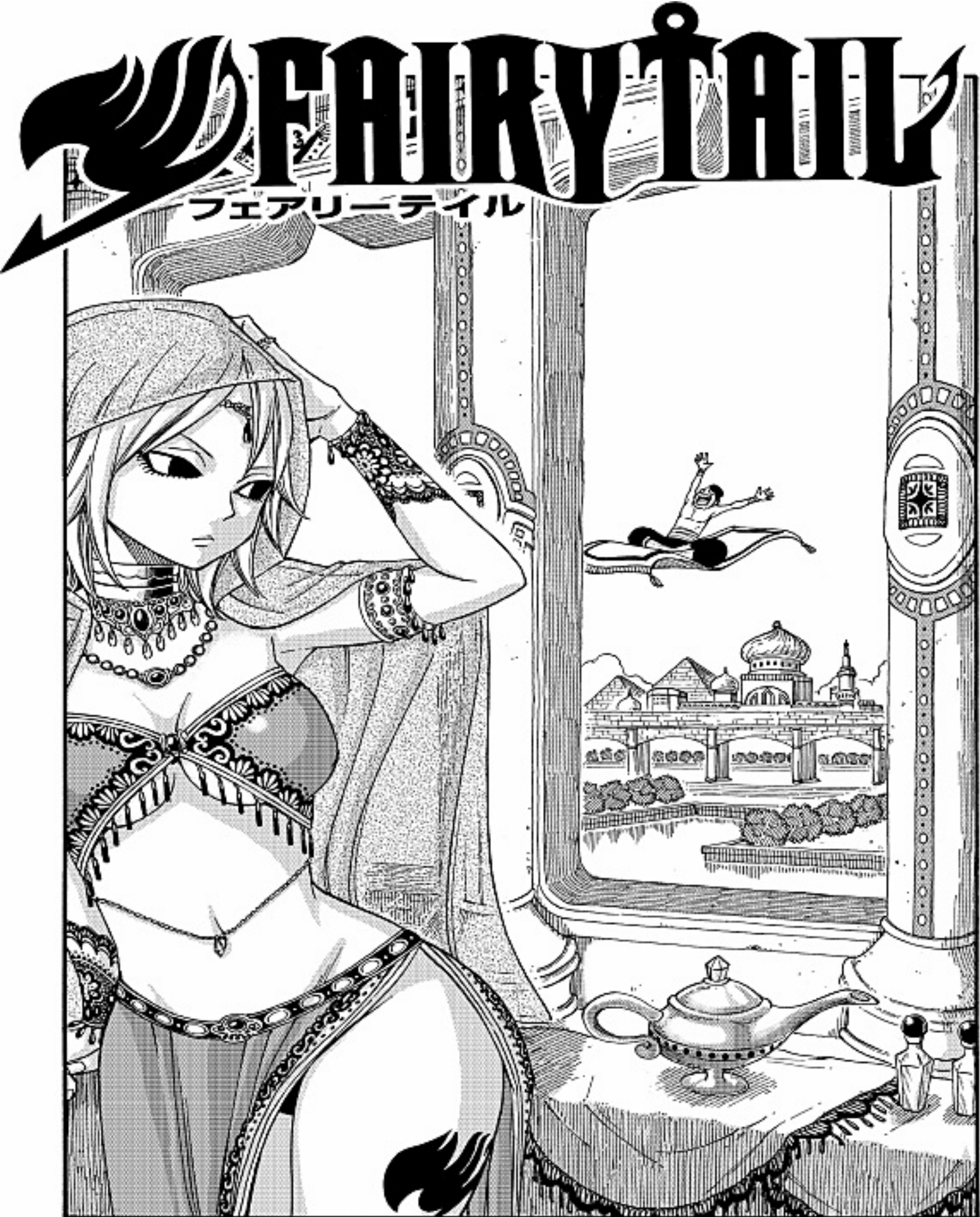


I... really hate Lucy...

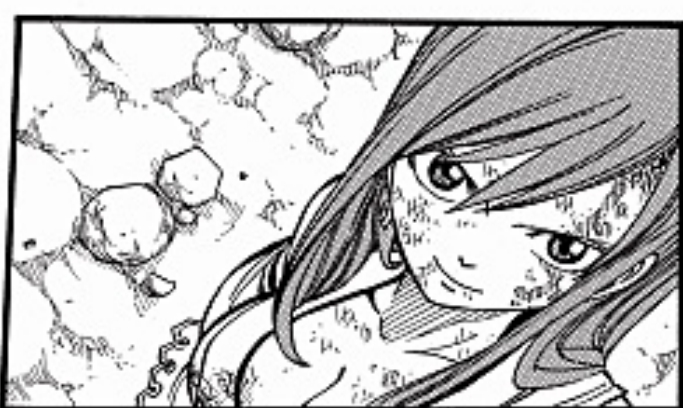
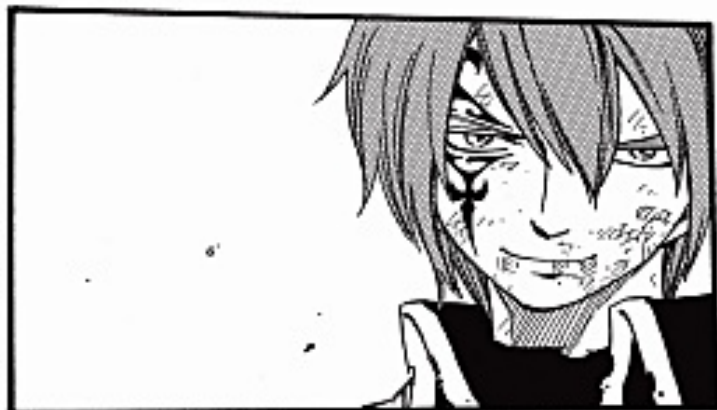


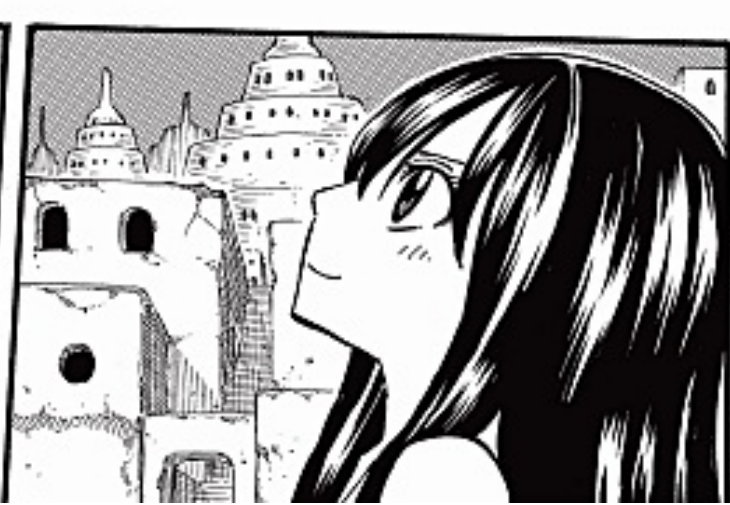
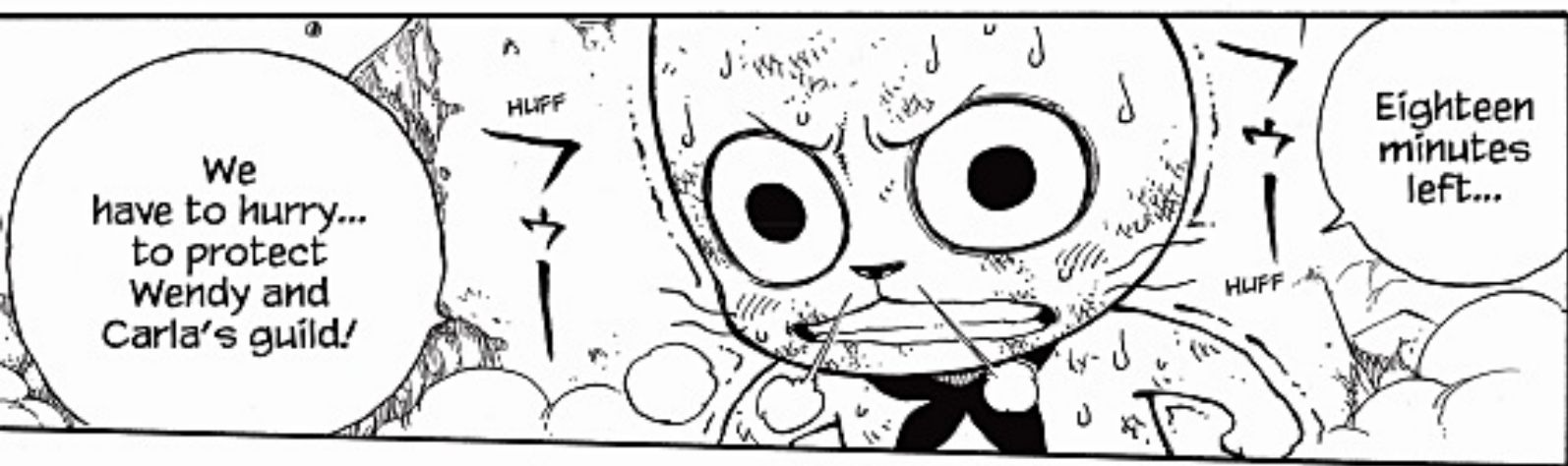
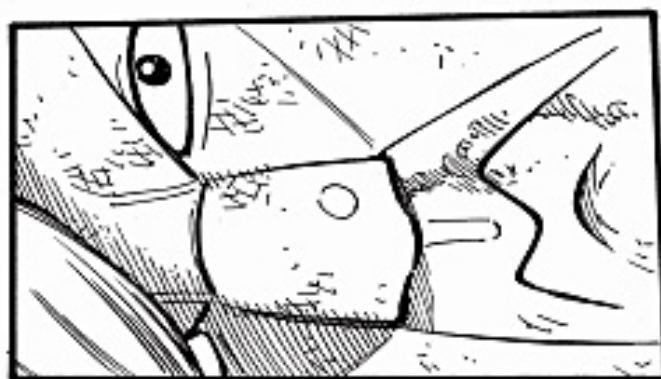
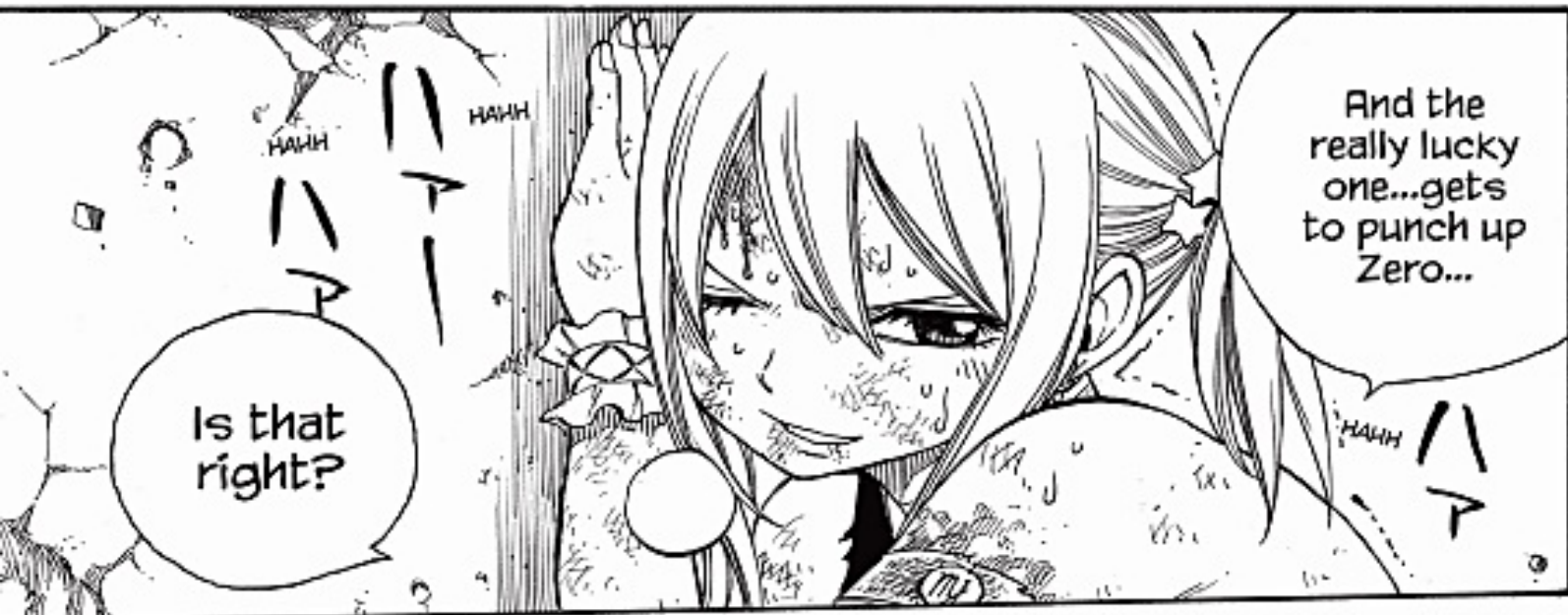
*Yeah,
we hear
ya!!!!*





Chapter 158: The Door to Memory







YOU NEED TO
EACH...CHOOSE
ONE...

IT'S GOT...
A NUMBER
ASSIGNED
FOR...EACH
LACRIMA...

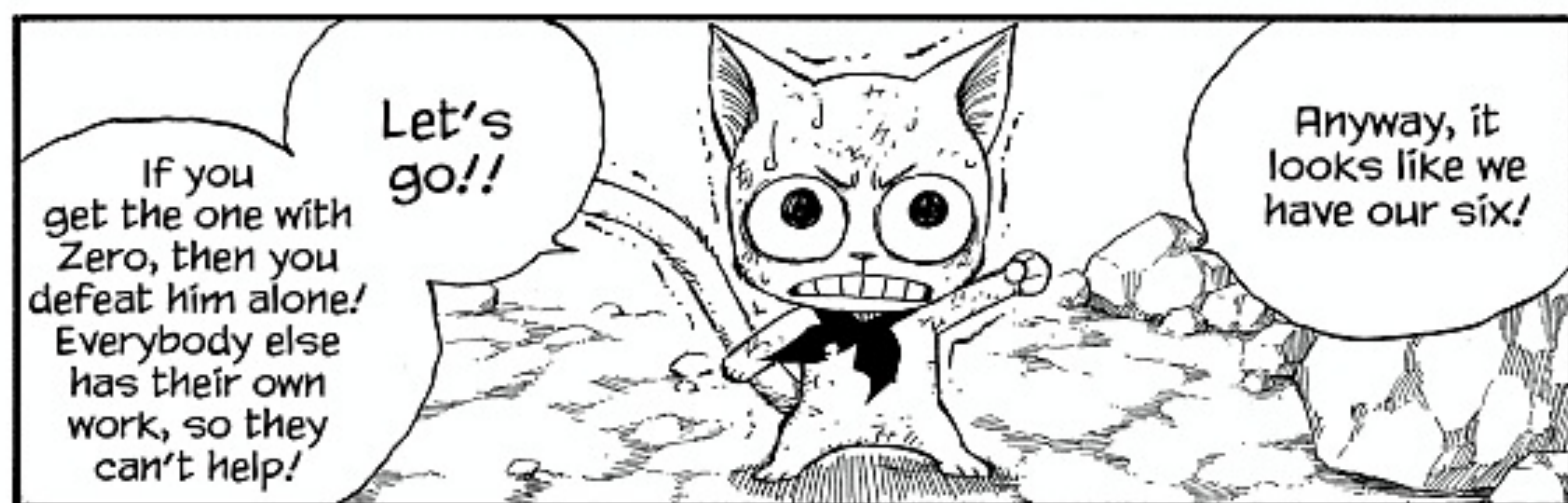
MY
TELEPATHY
WILL...CUT OFF
VERY SOON...

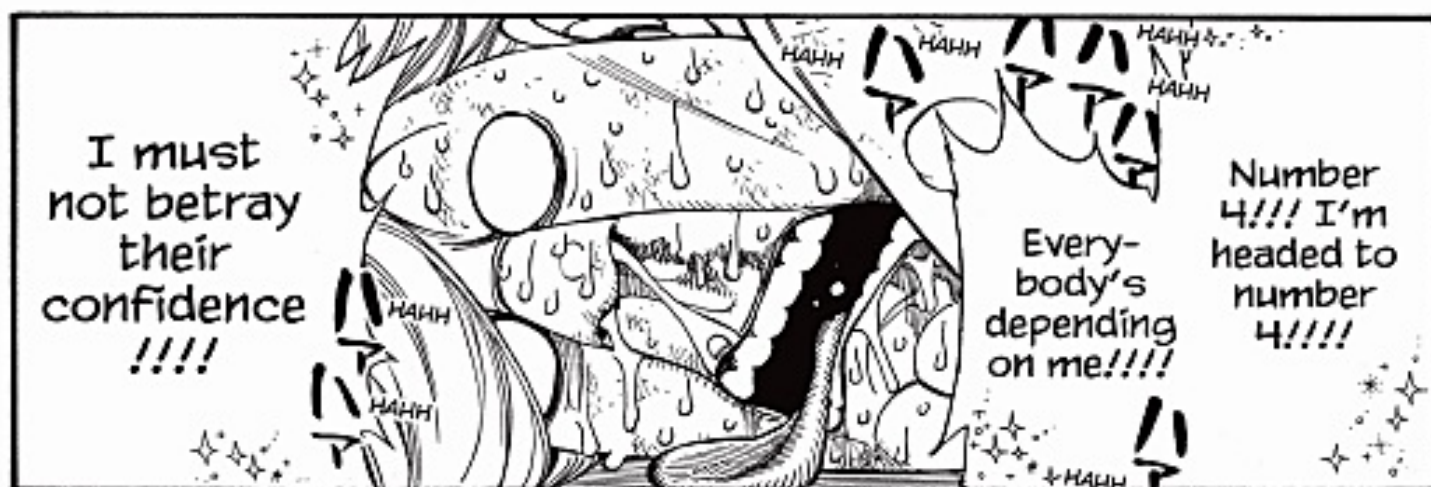
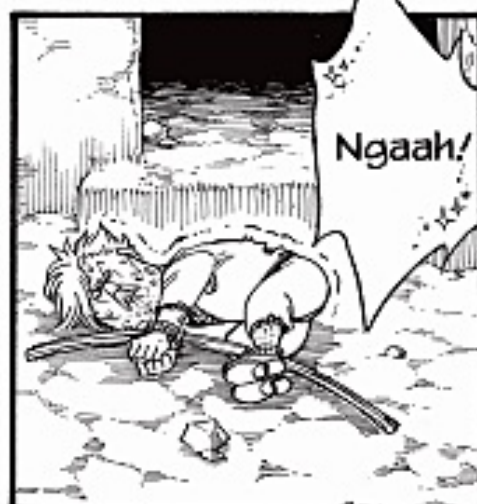
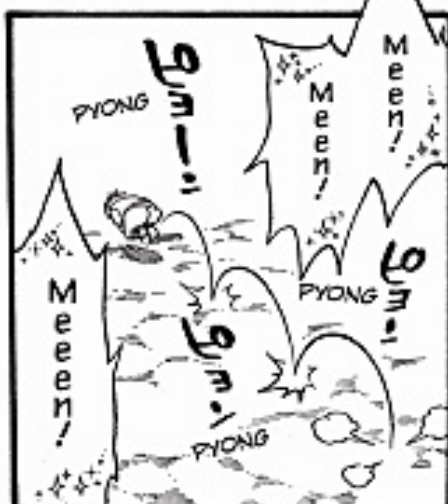
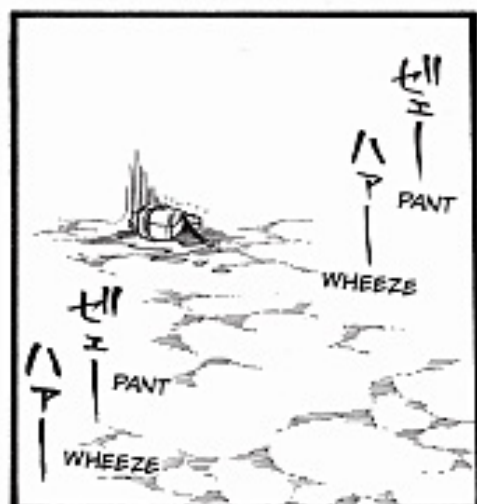
I SENT A MAP
INTO YOUR
HEADS...

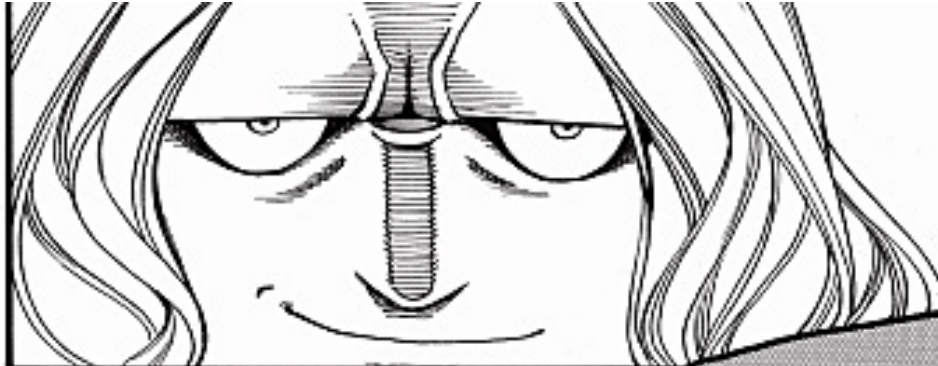


**I've got
number
1!!!!**









HAUMPH



HAHH

HAHH



HEH



Hm?



Dumb
brat!

What
are you
here
for?



**You or
me...
We're
gonna
find
out...**

**...
which
one
breaks
first!**

He probably
picked 1
knowing Zero
was there.

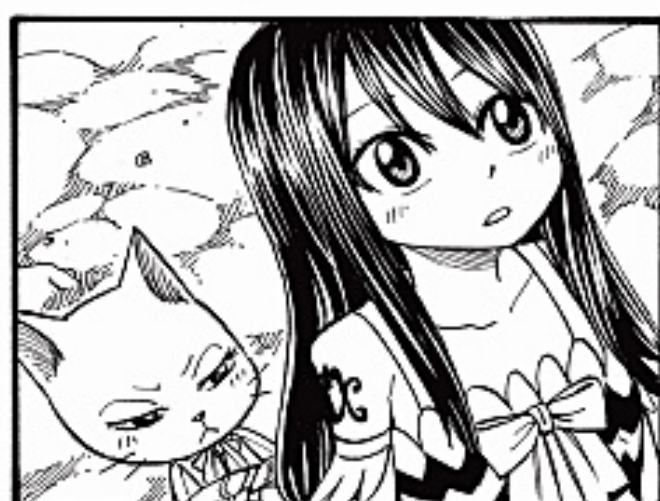
He has
a good
nose.

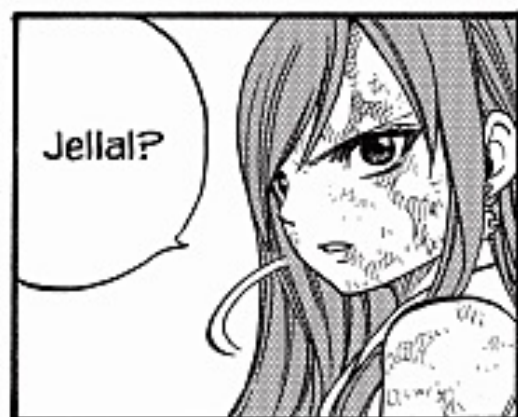
You mean
where
Natsu
is?!!

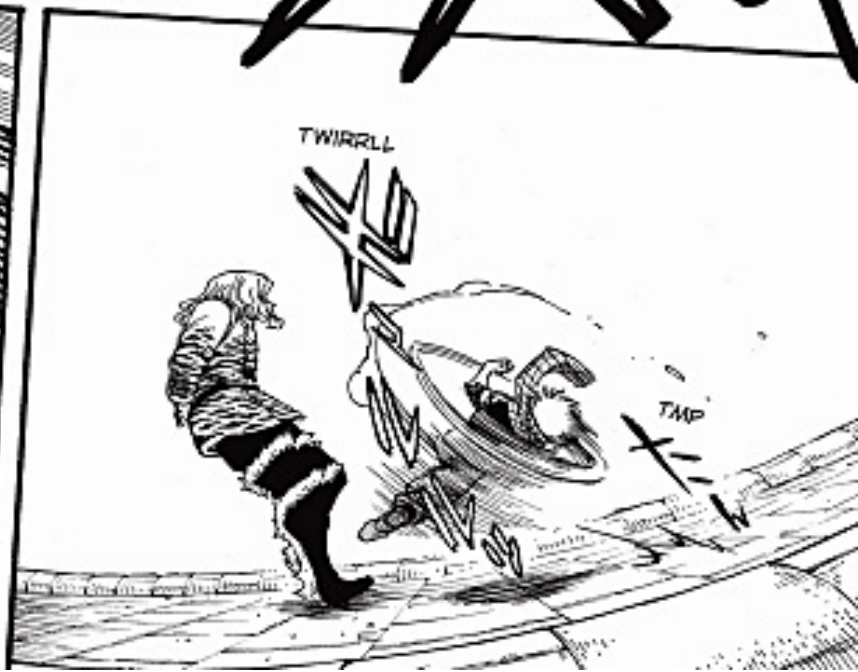
?!!

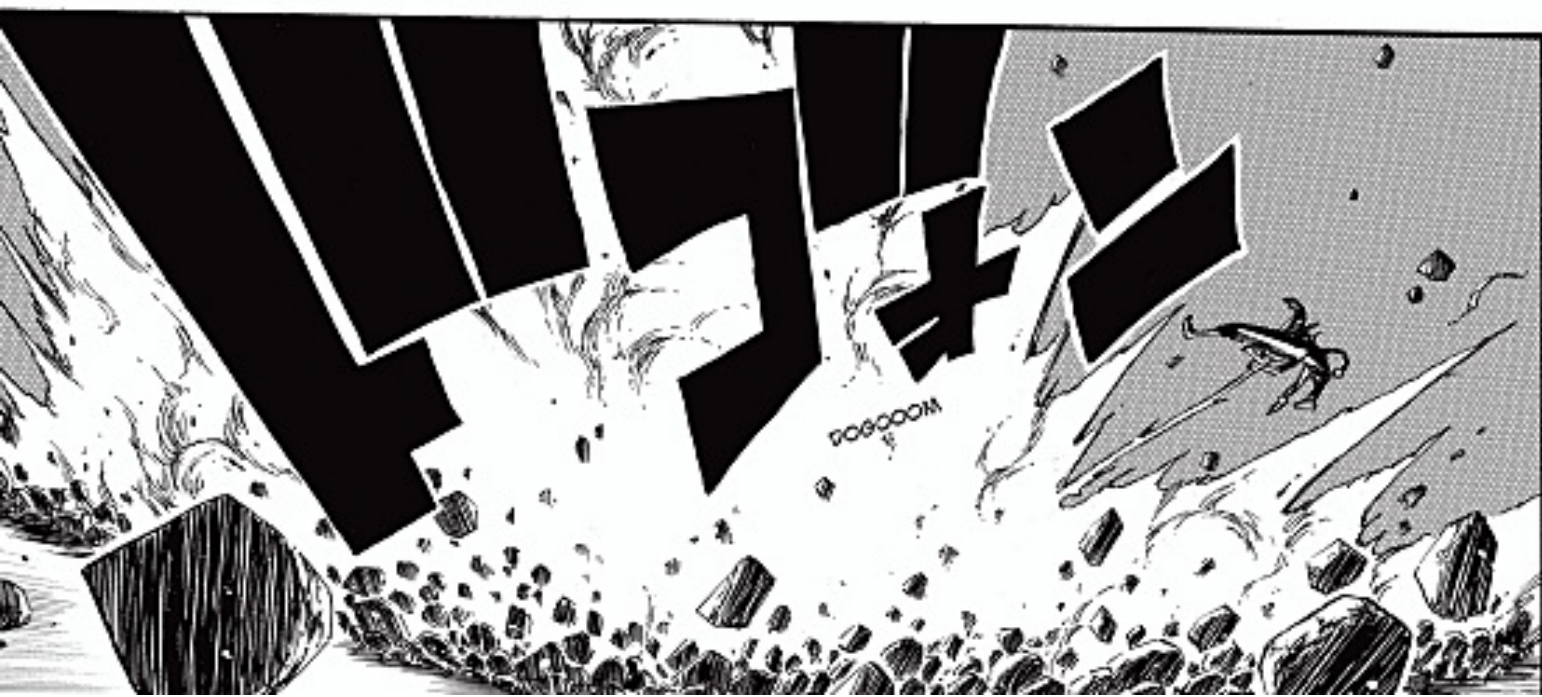
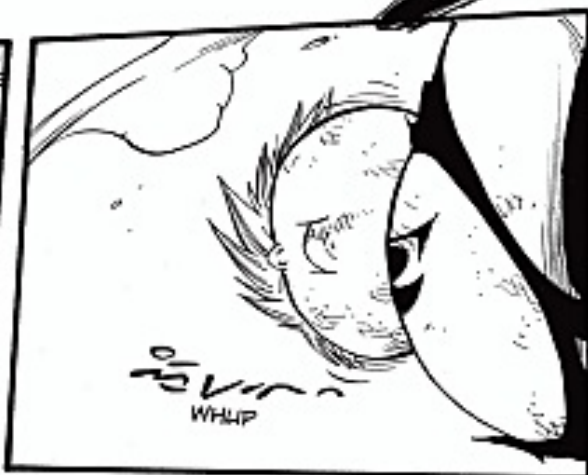
I would
expect Zero
to be at
number 1.

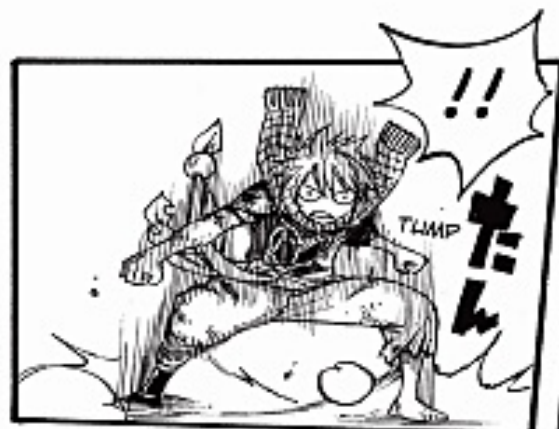




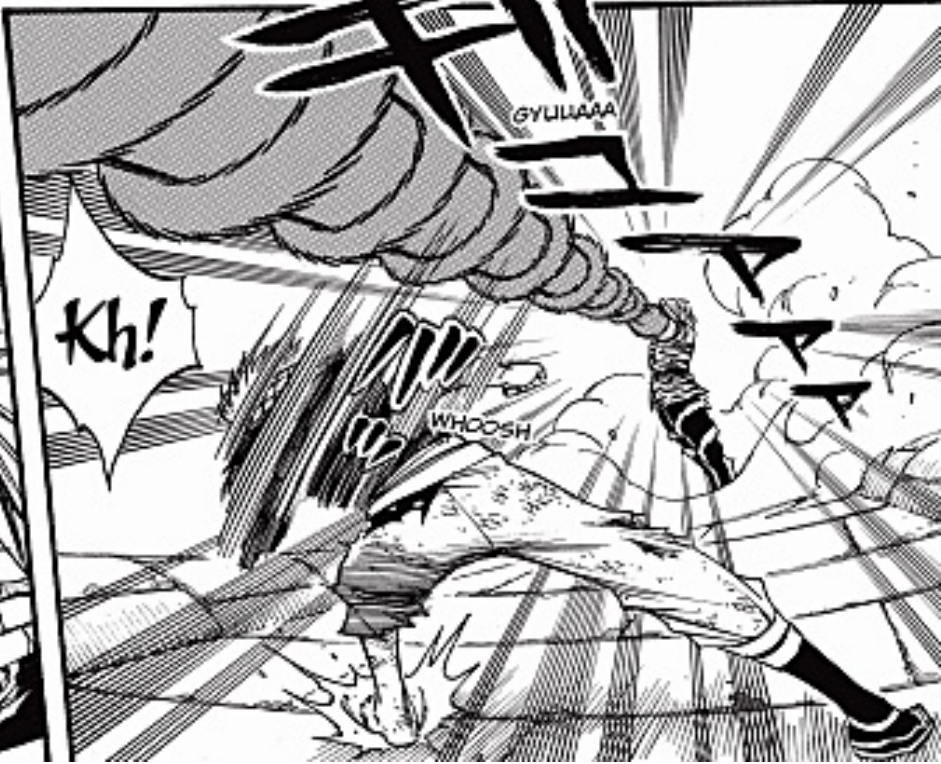
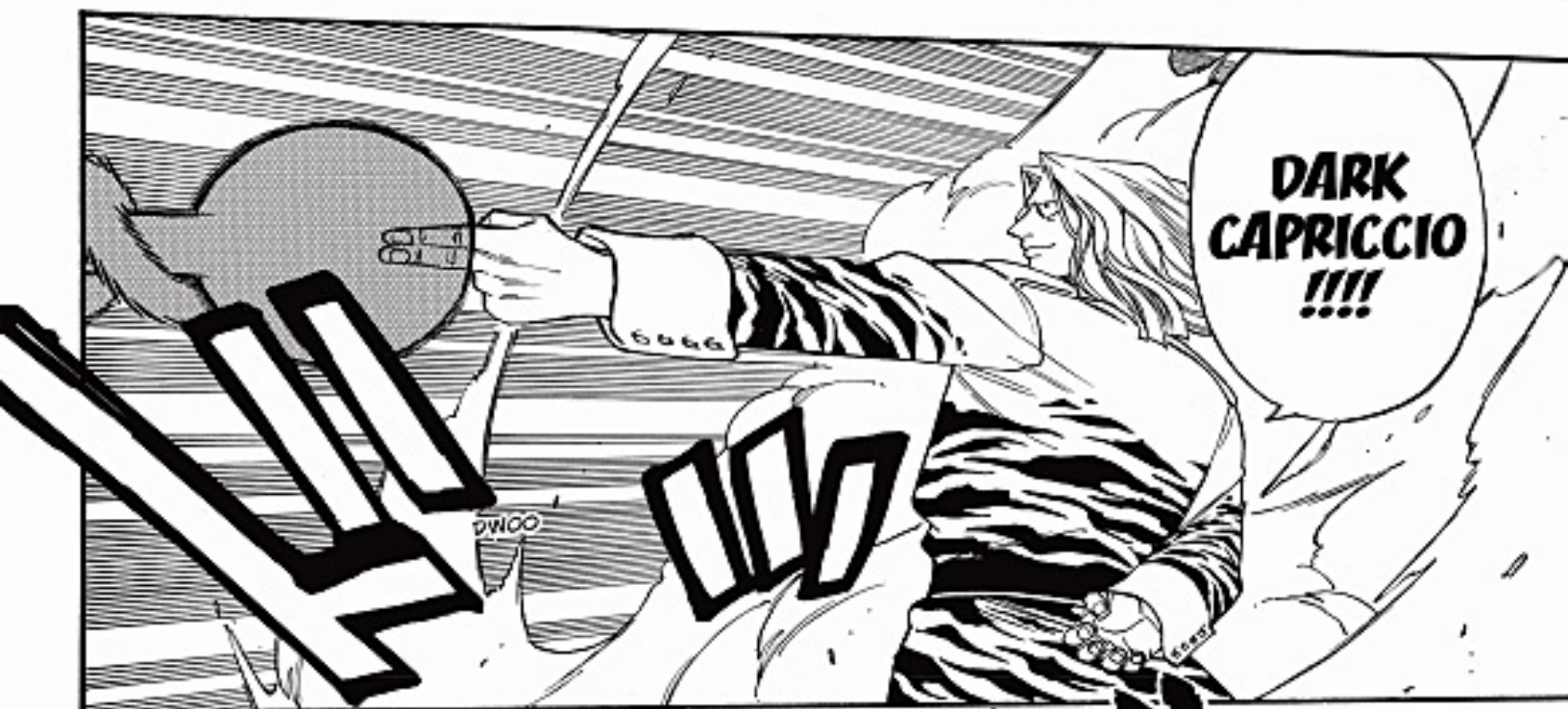


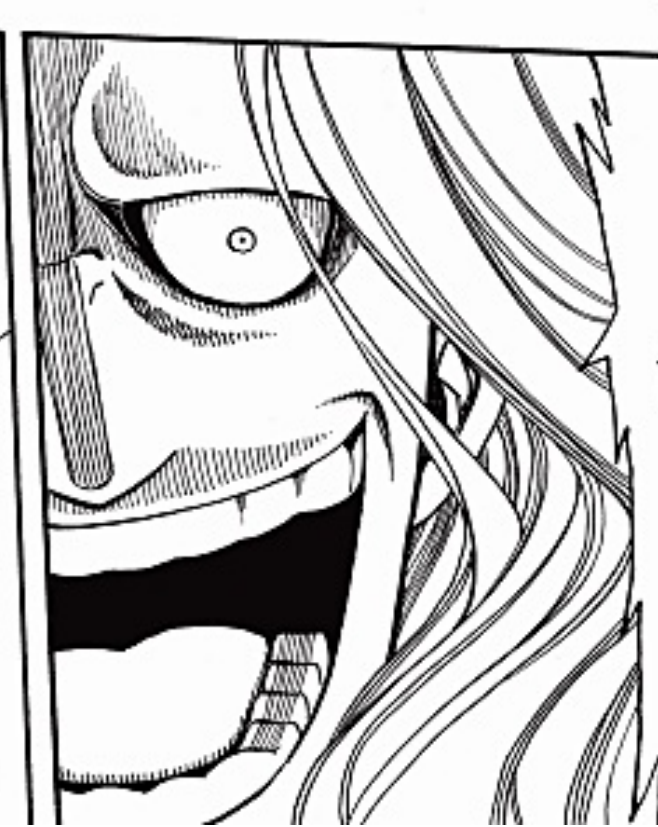
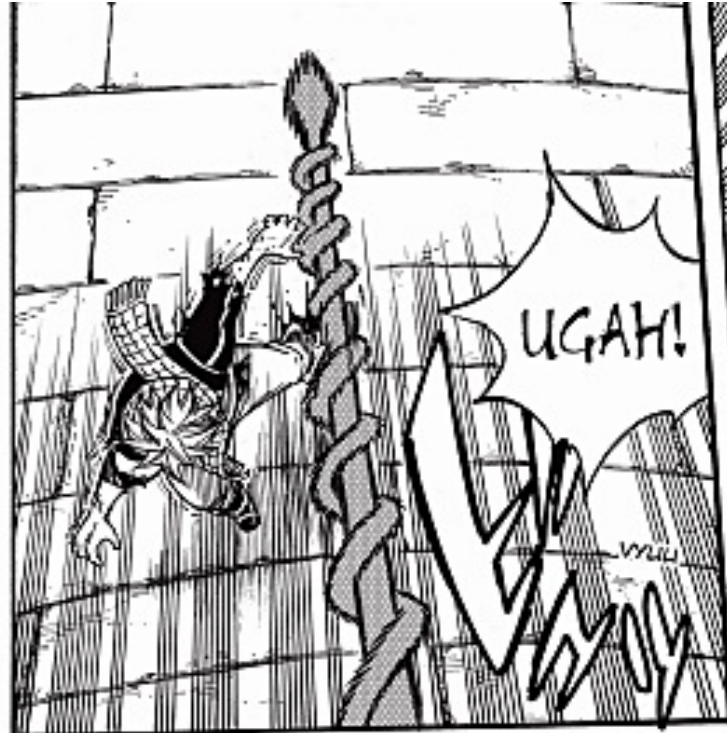






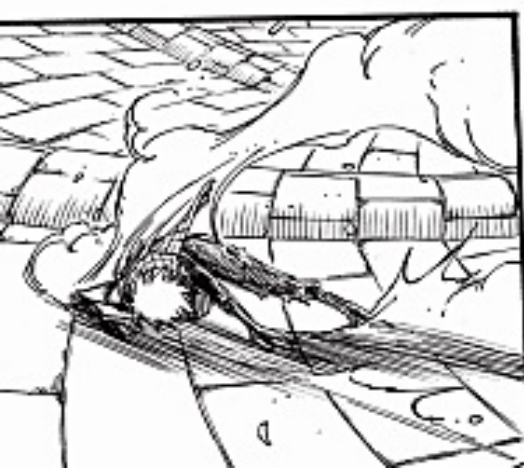
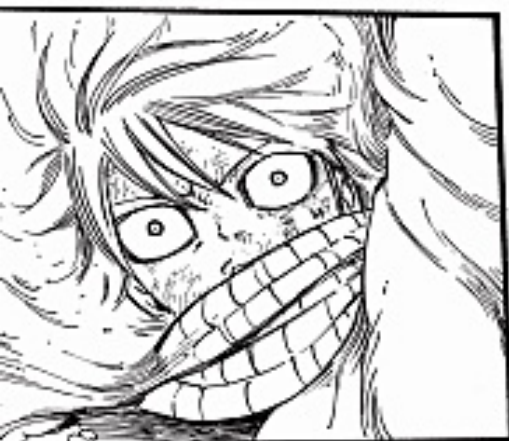
You're
more
nimble
now than
before.





*You're
the one to
break, of
course
!!!!*









...
is pointed
directly at
the Cait
Shelter
guild.

The barrel
of Nirvana, a
super-reversal
magic that
can steep
people's
hearts in
evil...

FAIRY TAIL



And the
members of
the allied guilds
head to each
crystal to
spend the last
of their magic
on that task.

...is to
destroy the
six lacrima
crystals
at exactly
the same
moment.

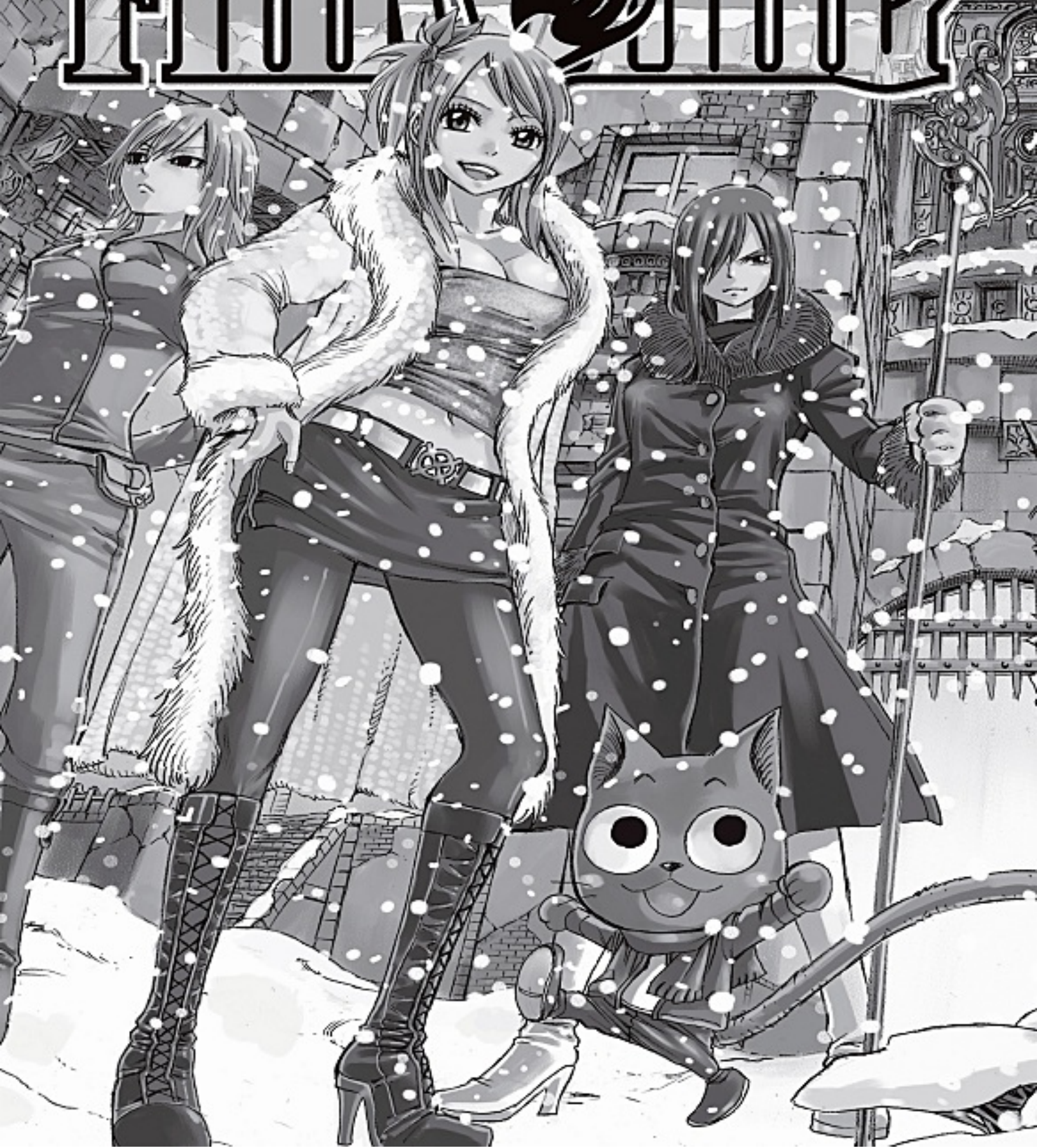
The one-
and-only
method of
stopping
Nirvana
...

Only twelve
minutes
remain before
the lacrima
must be
destroyed.

However, in
front of one of
those crystals
stands Zero,
Master of the
Oración Seis.



FAIRY TAIL

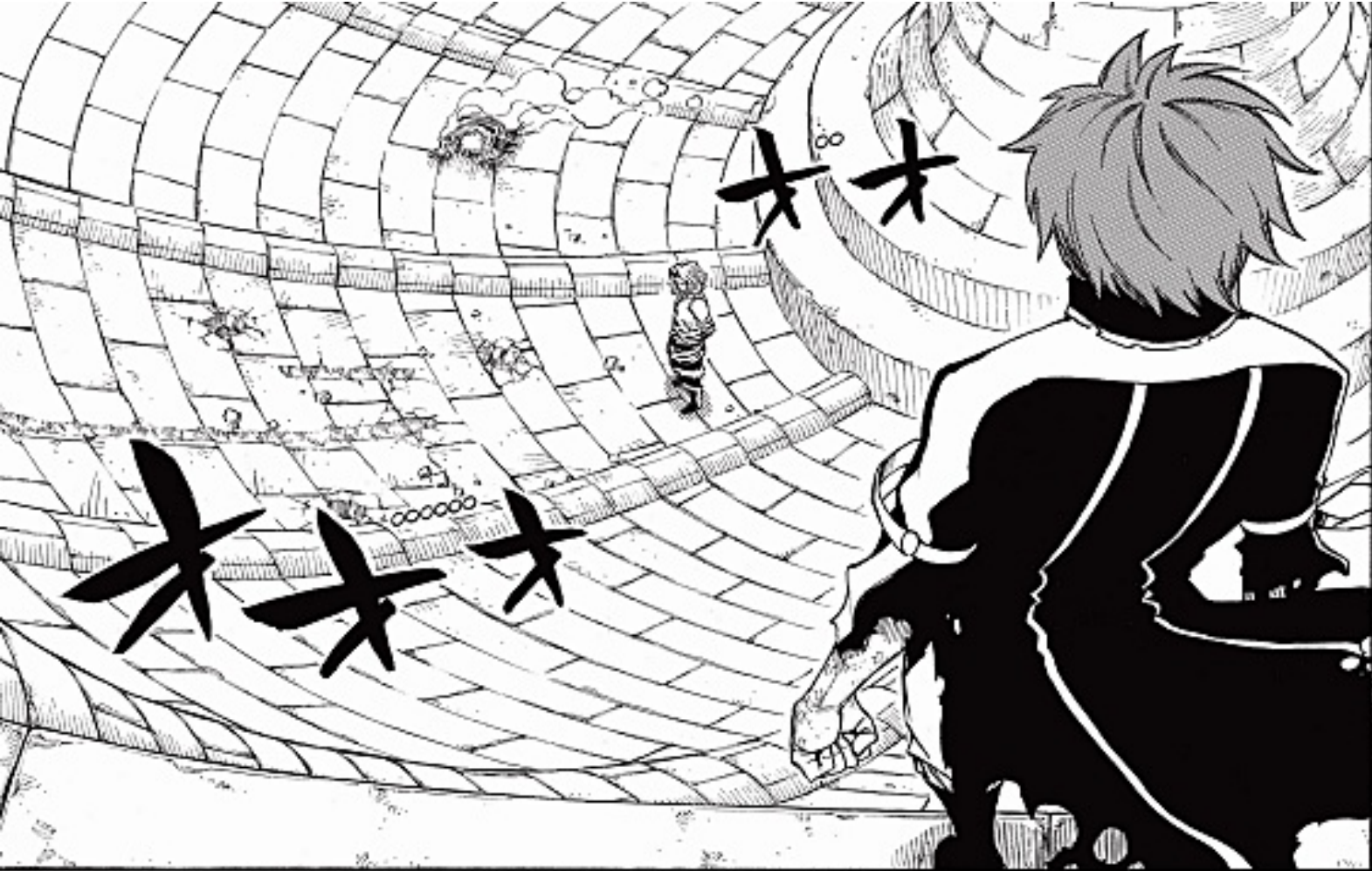




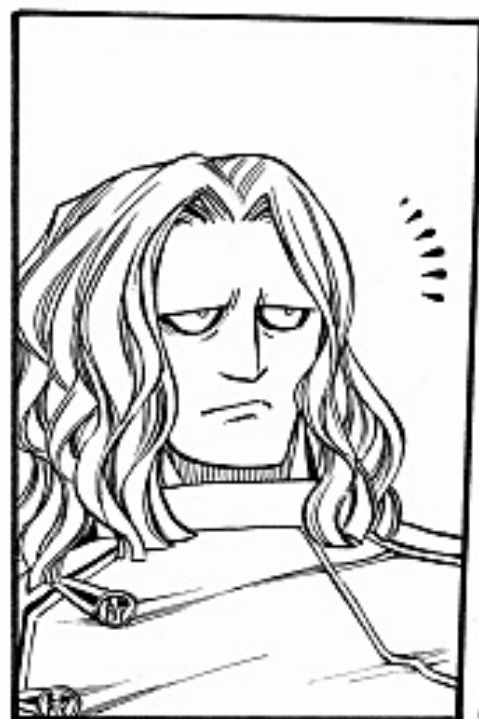
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FAIRYTAIL







That's what I remembered...



...regarding
the hope by
the name of
"Natsu."

Your magic
powers are in-
creased through
the power of
flame.

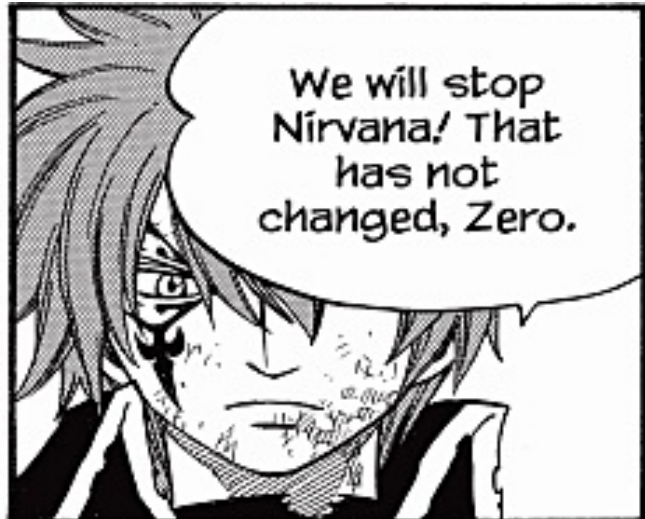
You are
a fire
dragon
slayer.

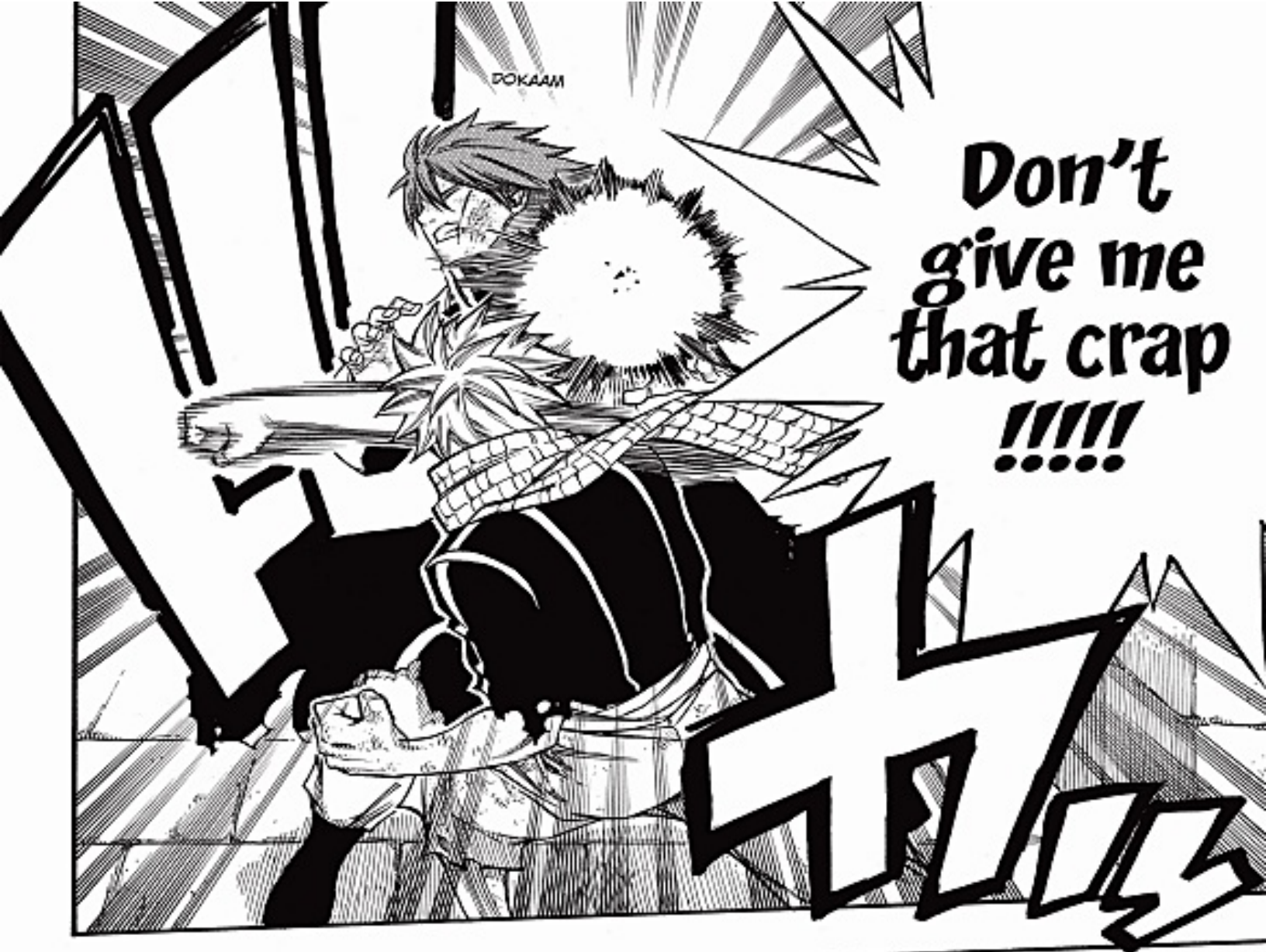
Huh
?

What
?!

...of
flame...

The
power...





**Don't
give me
that crap
!!!!**



**Why are you
pretending
to be an ally,
you jerk?!!!**

**You're
saying
you forgot
that?!!!**



**Not
Erza's
tears
!!!!**

**Well, I
didn't
forget
!!!!**



**Please...
Natsu...**

**Just
accept
the fire
I give
you...**



**You
made
Erza
cry
!!!!**

If you insist
on fighting
amongst your-
selves, take it
elsewhere.



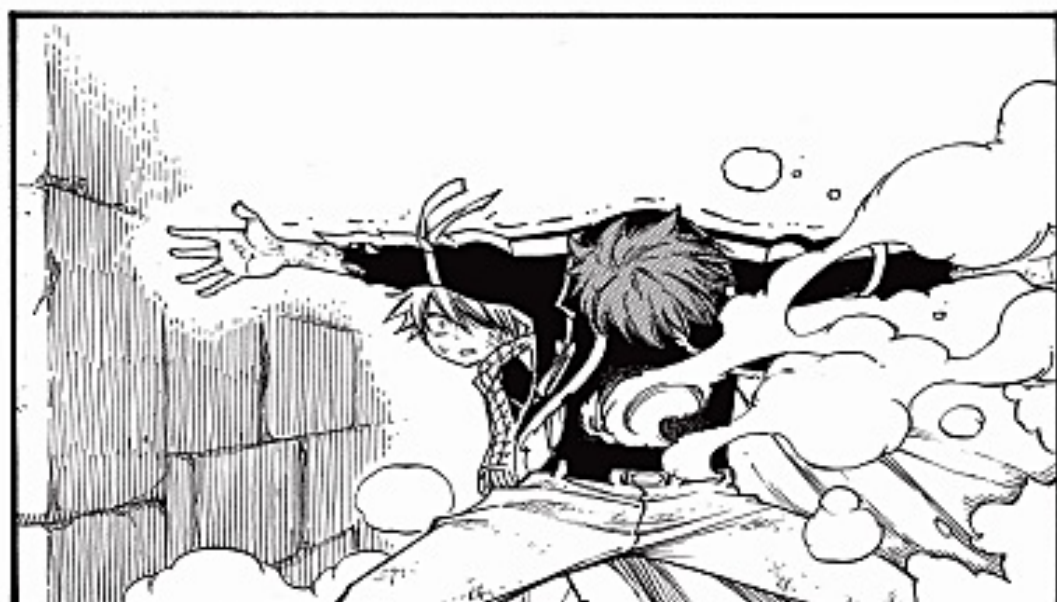
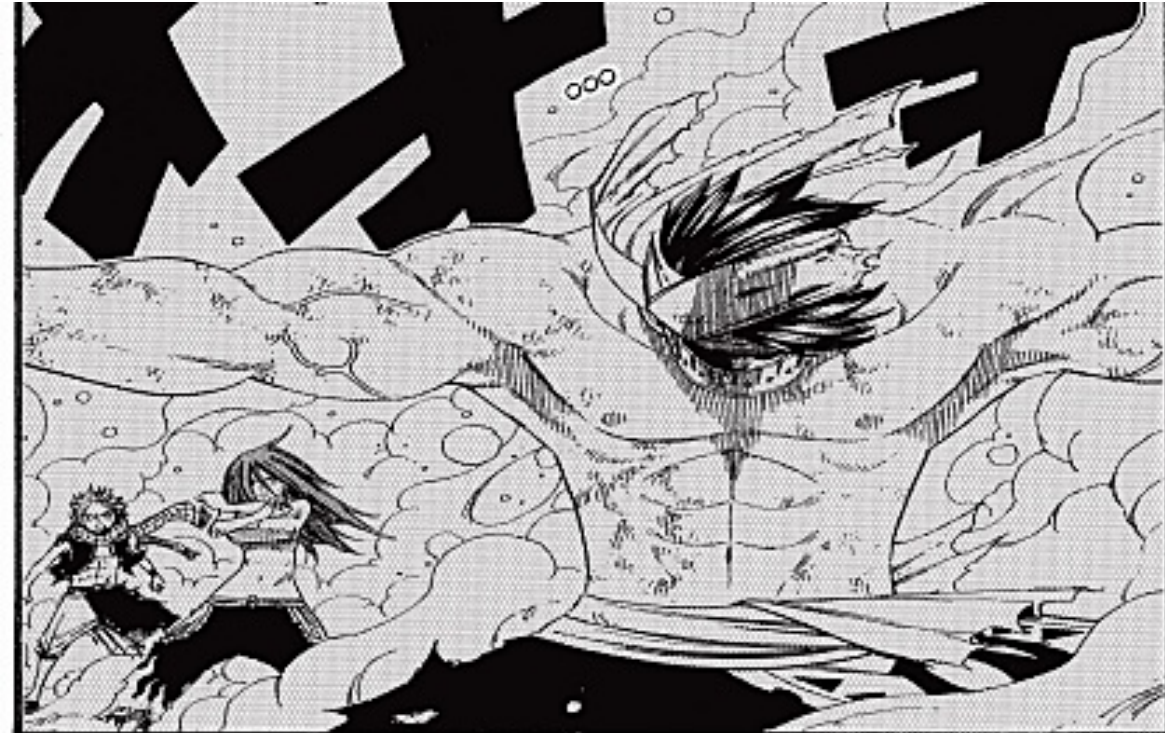
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sad.

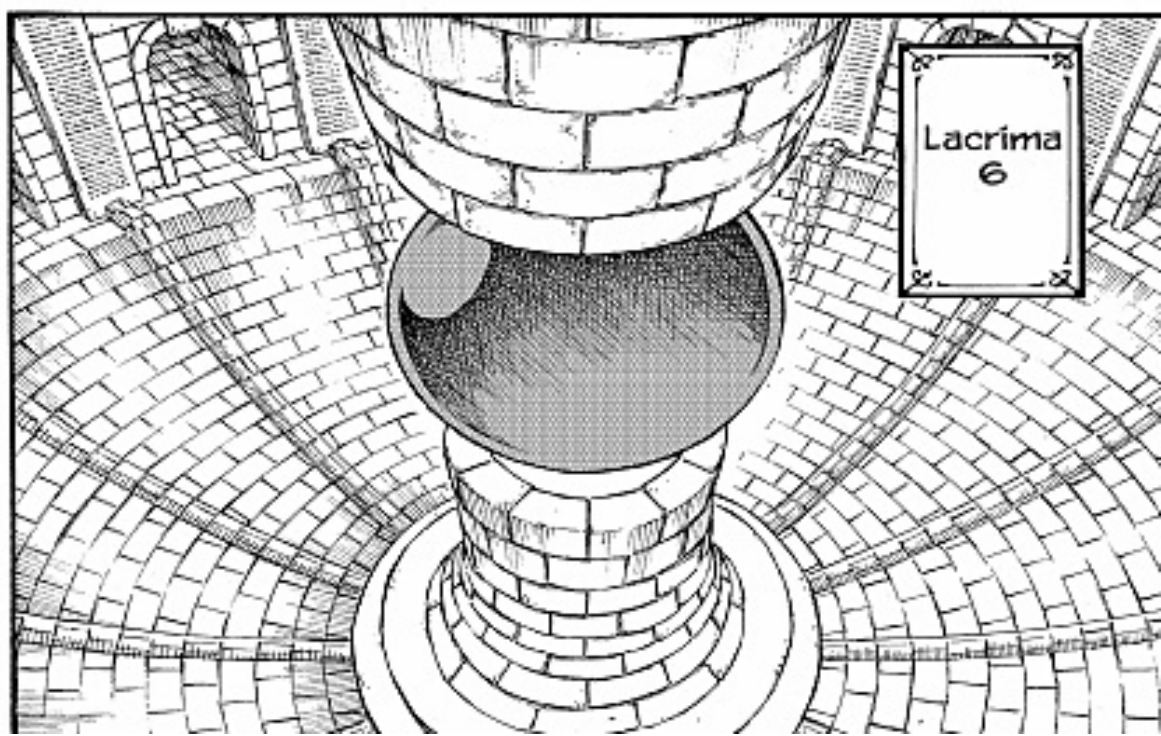


You
irritate
me!!!



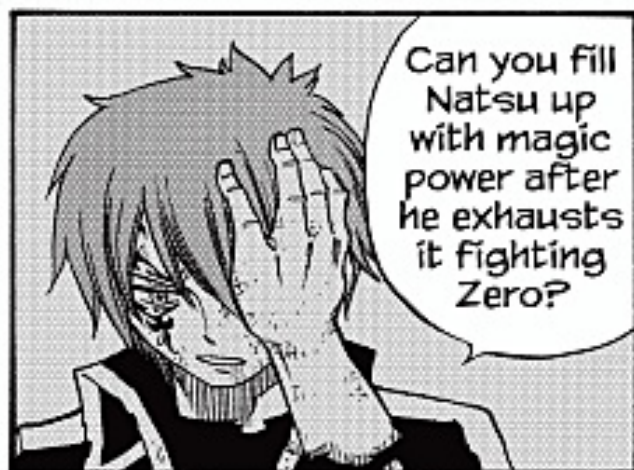




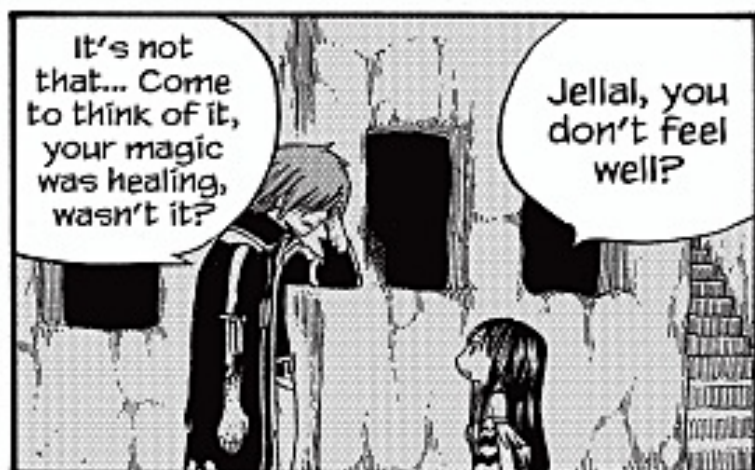




It's what
I have
to do!



Can you fill
Natsu up
with magic
power after
he exhausts
it fighting
Zero?



It's not
that... Come
to think of it,
your magic
was healing,
wasn't it?

Jellal, you
don't feel
well?



Then I'll
be the one
to restore
Natsu's
power.

Huh?



I see...

She
can't
do any
more!!
After
all, this
girl was
always
...



That's
nonsense!!! Do
you have any idea
how many times
she's had to use
that magic just
today?!!

I
don't...

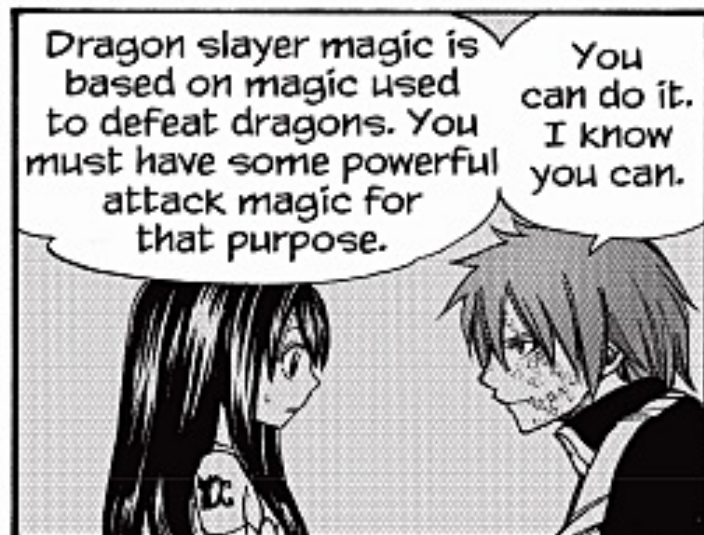


*The
power
of
hope!*

...the
unlimited
power
Natsu
has...



I remem-
bered...



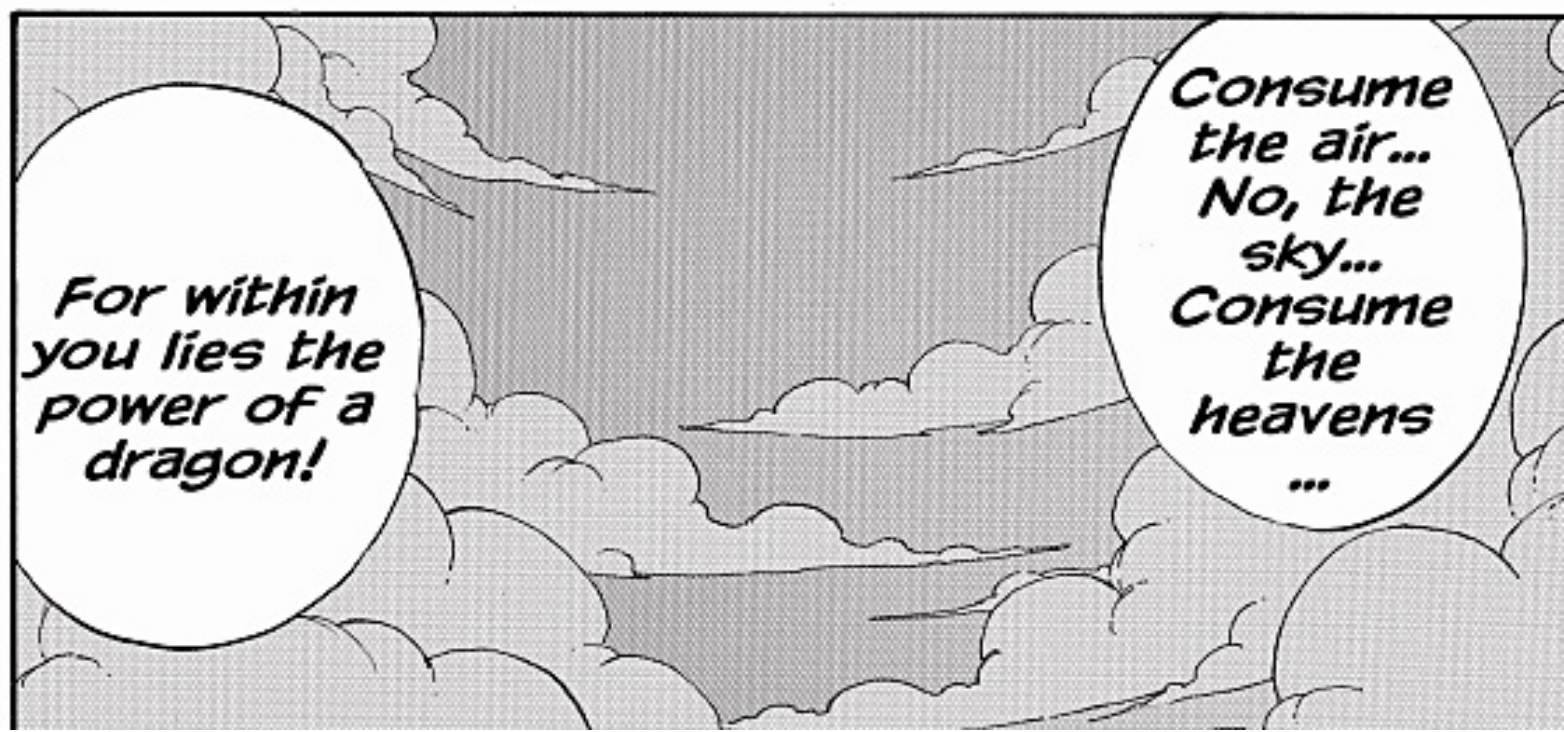
Dragon slayer magic is
based on magic used
to defeat dragons. You
must have some powerful
attack magic for
that purpose.

You
can do it.
I know
you can.



But...
I...

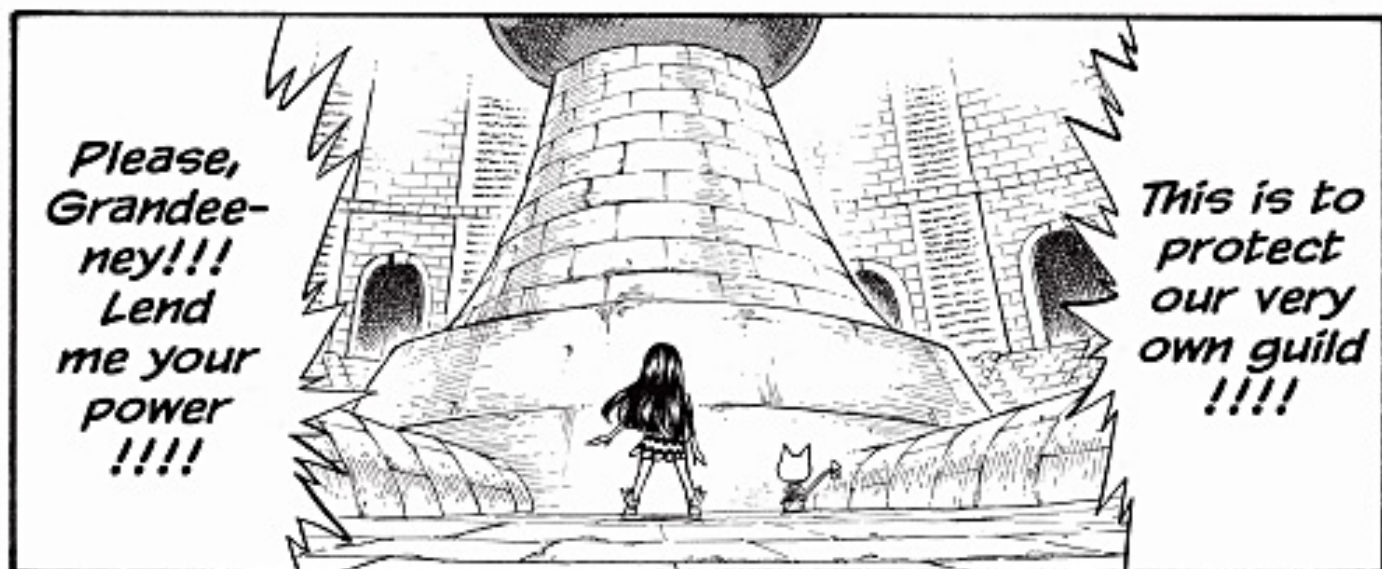
You go to
number six
in my place
and destroy
it, please.



*For within
you lies the
power of a
dragon!*

*Consume
the air...
No, the
sky...
Consume
the
heavens*

...







*You
served it
up, and I
ate it...*

*...
Jellal!*

So now that
you ate it,
you're guilty
too?

Flame of
Guilt?



**All
Fairy Tail
wizards
are!**

*I'm
used to
committing
crimes!*



*...is to
ignore
evil!*

KRAKK

KRAKK

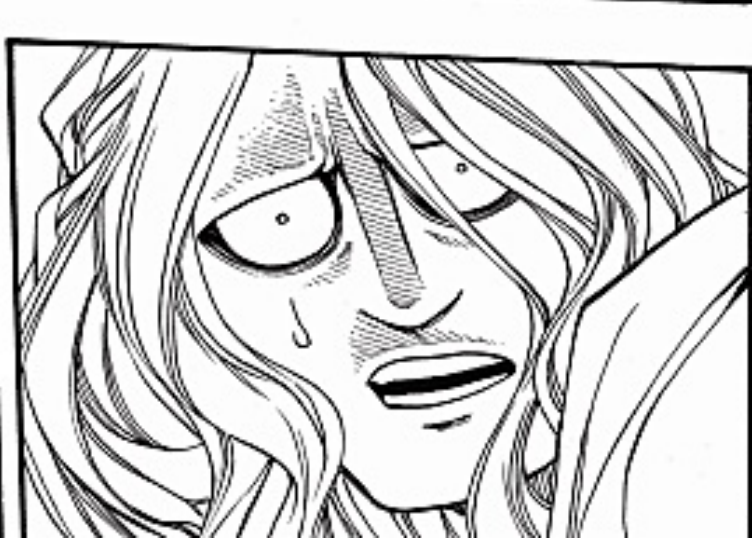


*But
the
real
crime
...*



*To
not be
trusted
by any-
one any-
more
!!!!*







...is the
dragon
force?!!!

Th-This
light...

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Chapter 160: The Power of Emotion





...feels a little like when I ate Etherion...

This power...

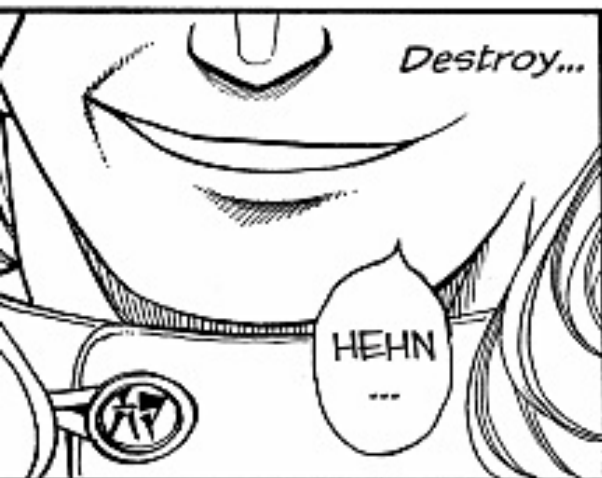


Is this the final form of dragon slayer magic?!!



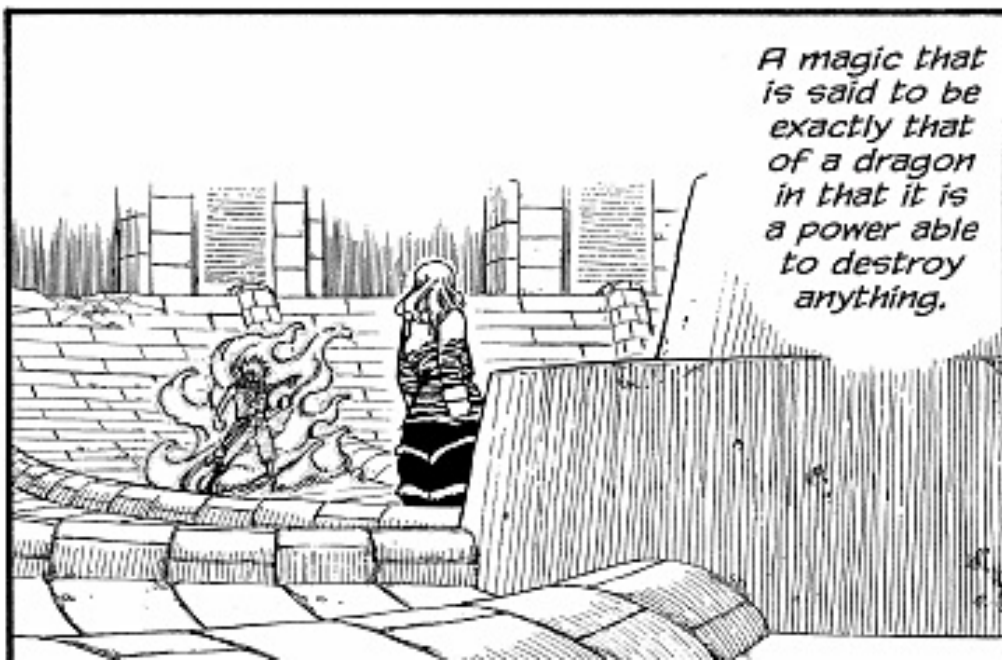
It's like I'm at twice or three times my normal power!

Amazing...



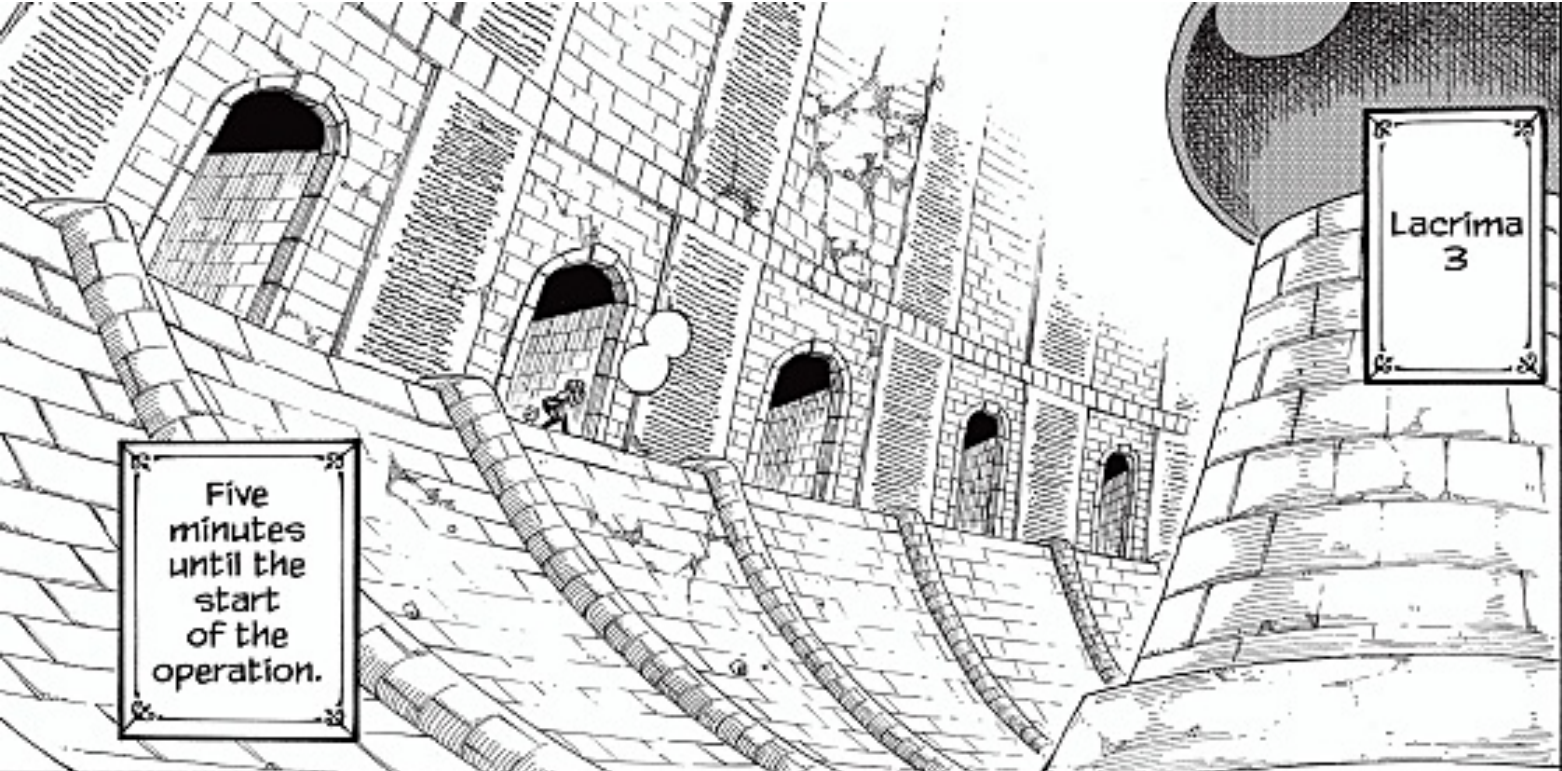
Destroy...

HEHN ...

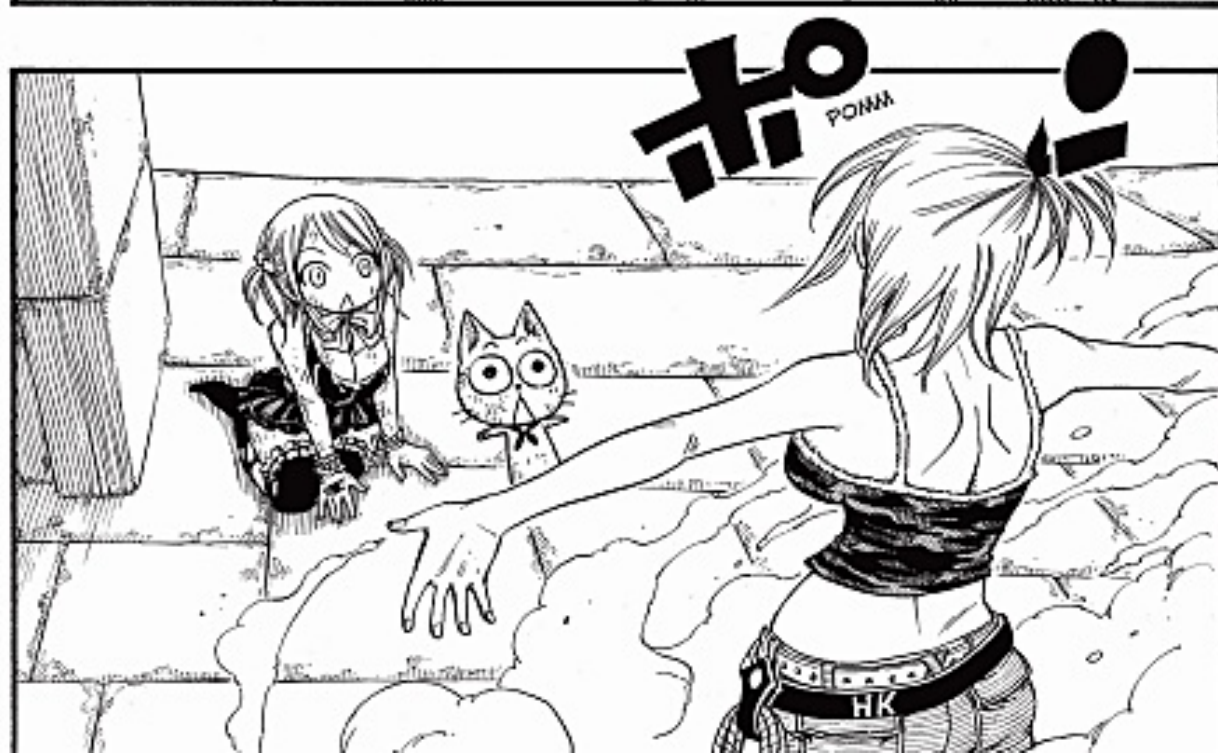
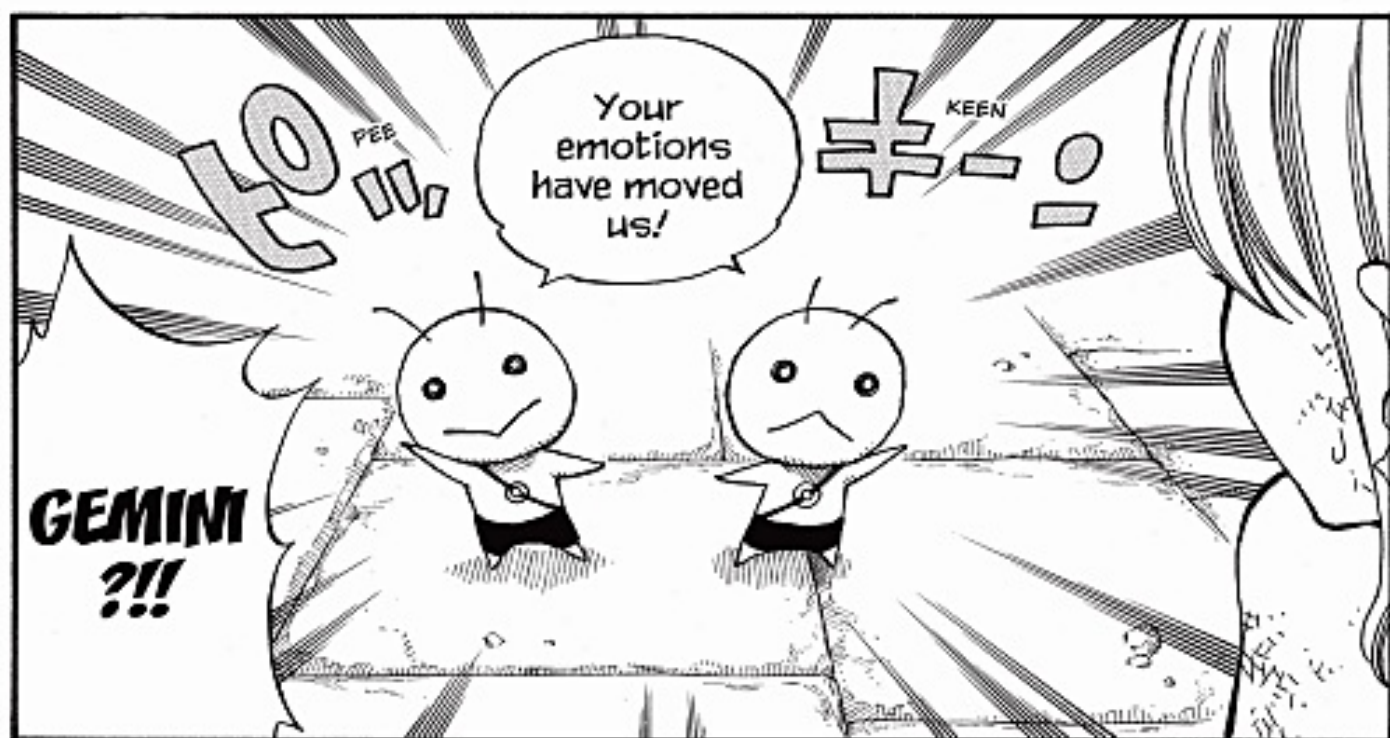


A magic that is said to be exactly that of a dragon in that it is a power able to destroy anything.



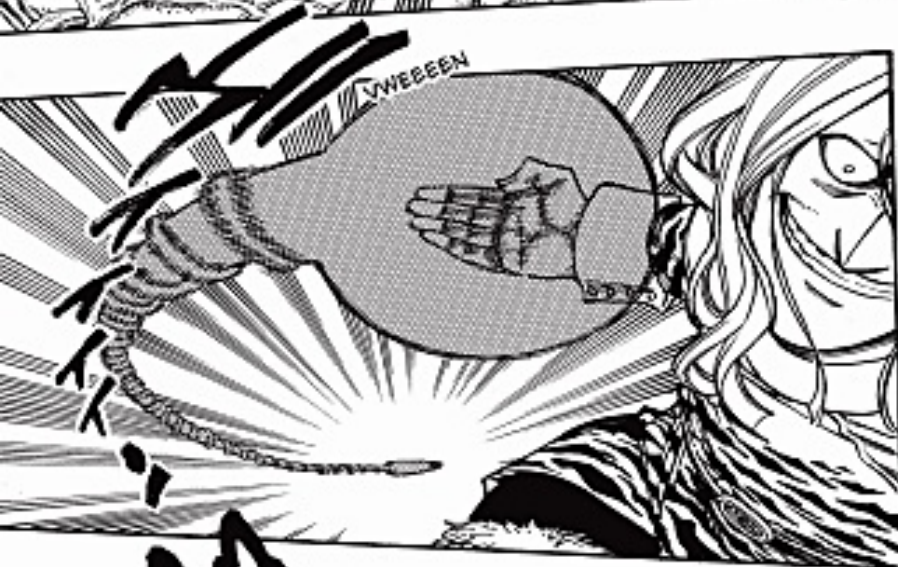


...have even a tiny bit of magic power left...

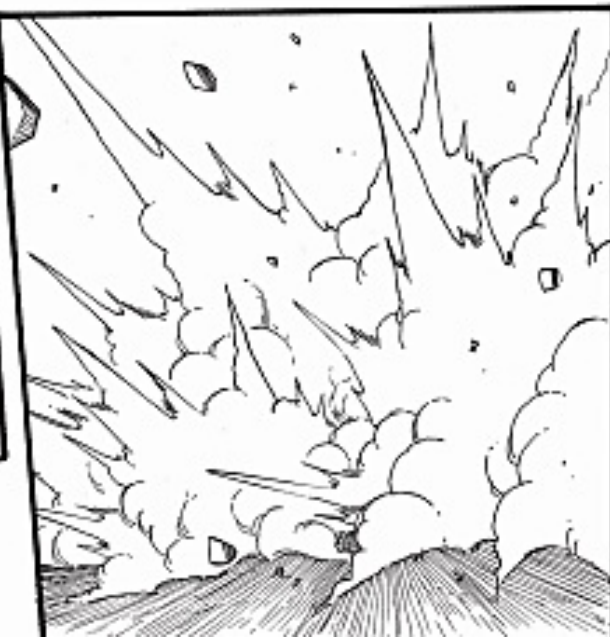
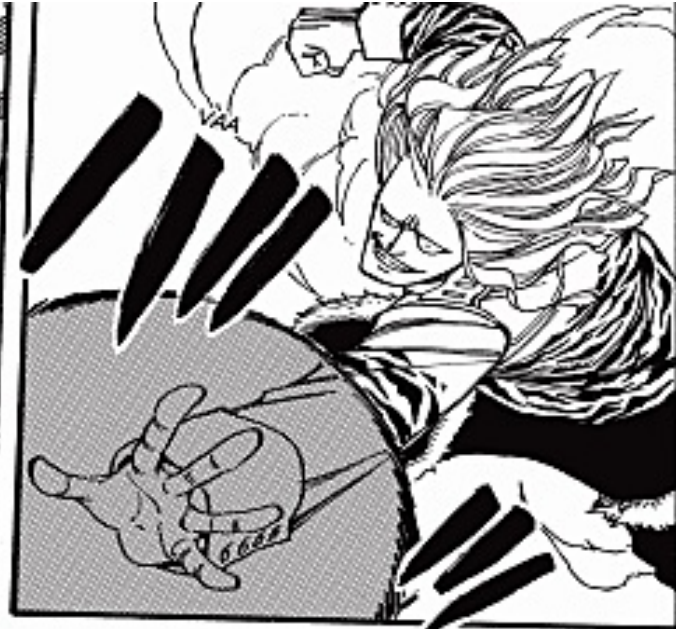














Natsu

...

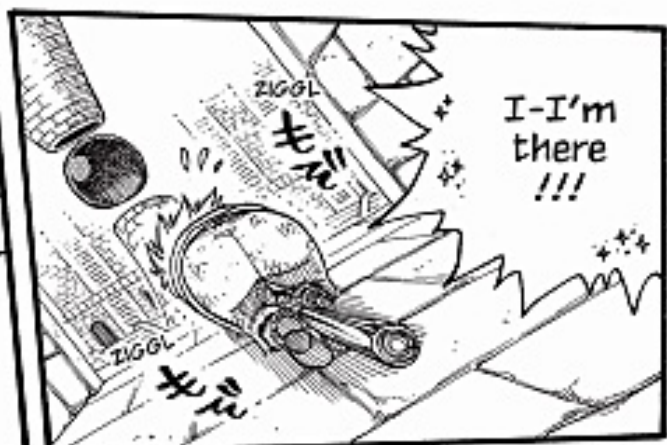


Three
minutes
left.



*...you
can't
use that
power as
well as you
thought
!!!!*

Well, it
looks
like...



I'm much greater than all of you.

I am Master Zero of the Oración Seis.

A lone piece of trash like you never stood any chance against me.

HAHH
HAHH
UGAH
...

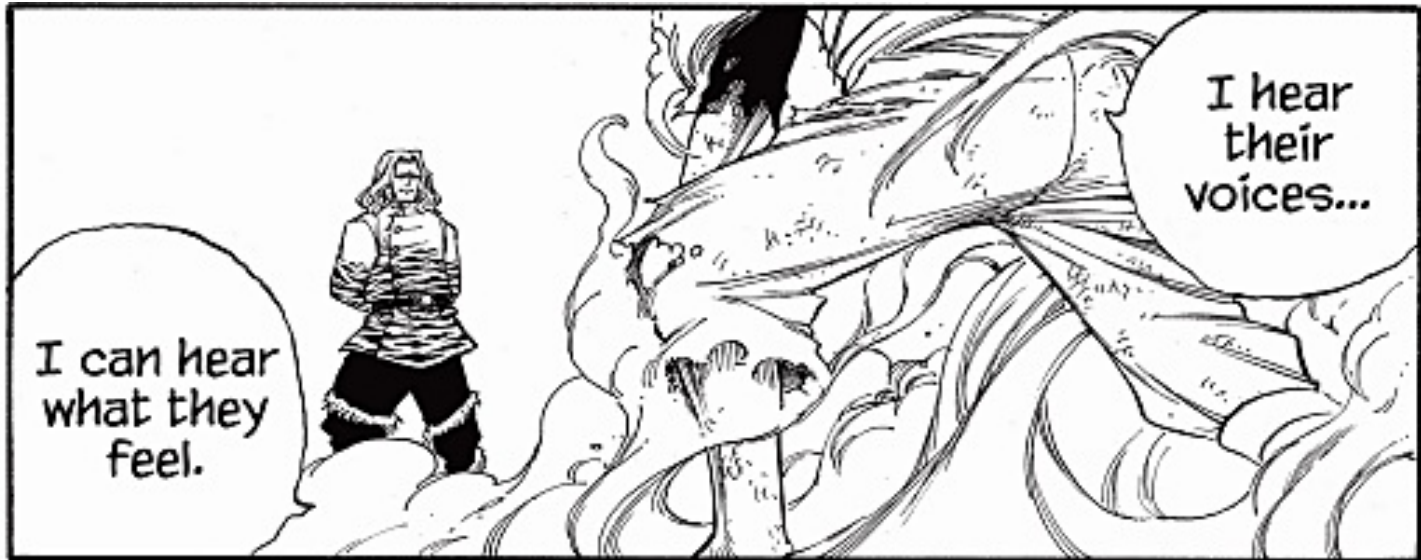
URNN...

I get what they're saying...

Hm?

I'm not alone...

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH



I can hear
what they
feel.

I hear
their
voices...



...are
propping
me up...



Everybody's
feelings...



This ain't
just my own
power...



...make
my
stand
here
!!!!



...that I
gotta...



They're
telling
me...



**The
power
of my
friends**

...

**...is
coursing
through
my body
!!!!**





**GENESIS
ZERO
!!!!!!**



GWOOOOOOOO

**GUREN
BAKUEN-
JIN
!!!!***

*Blaze of Fire:
Exploding Blade!!!!

**A
A
A
A
H
!!!!**



**Vanish
...**

**...into the
depths of
nothing-
ness!**

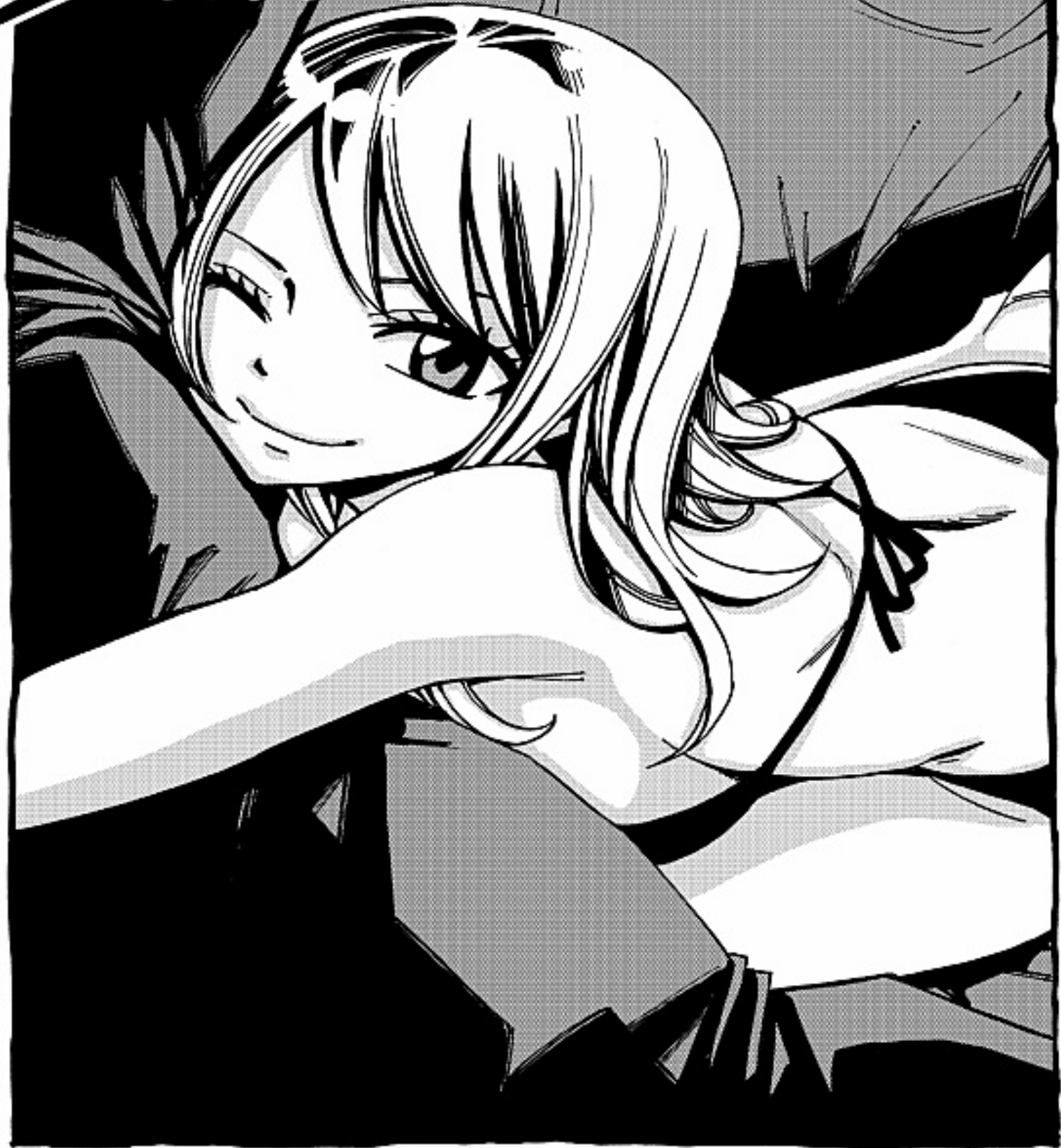


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Side
Story



The Day of the Fateful Encounter

I want a
boyfriend!

ぐいぐい
ぐいぐい
GLUG GLUG

Aww!

BLUSH

かあー！

A man! You know!
I haven't had a
boyfriend in a while,
and I'm getting an
urge for some
flesh.

かか
やや
CHATTER
CHATTER

What's
that for
all of a
sudden?

Th-
Three...
maybe...

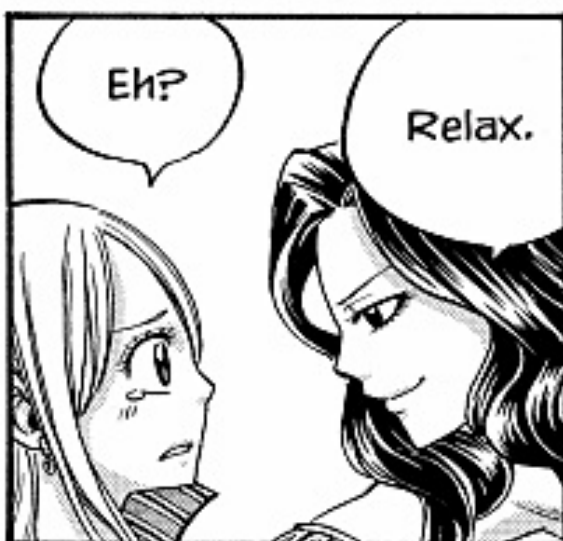
How many
guys have you
gone out with
so far?

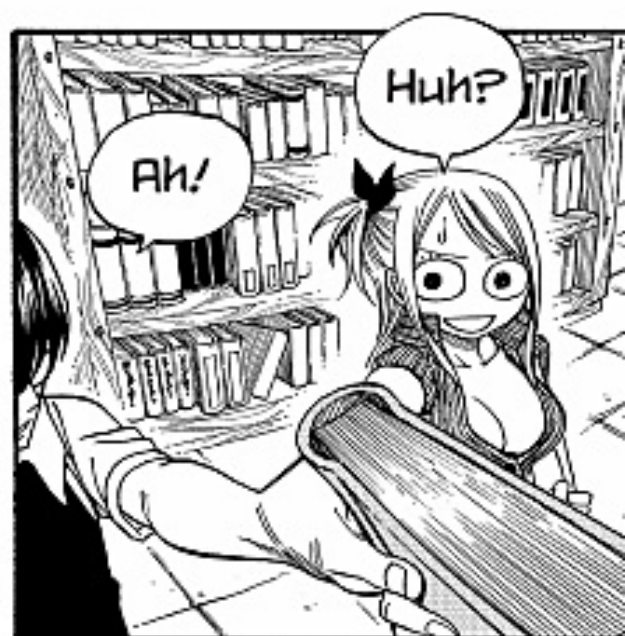
Now
that's
a lie!!

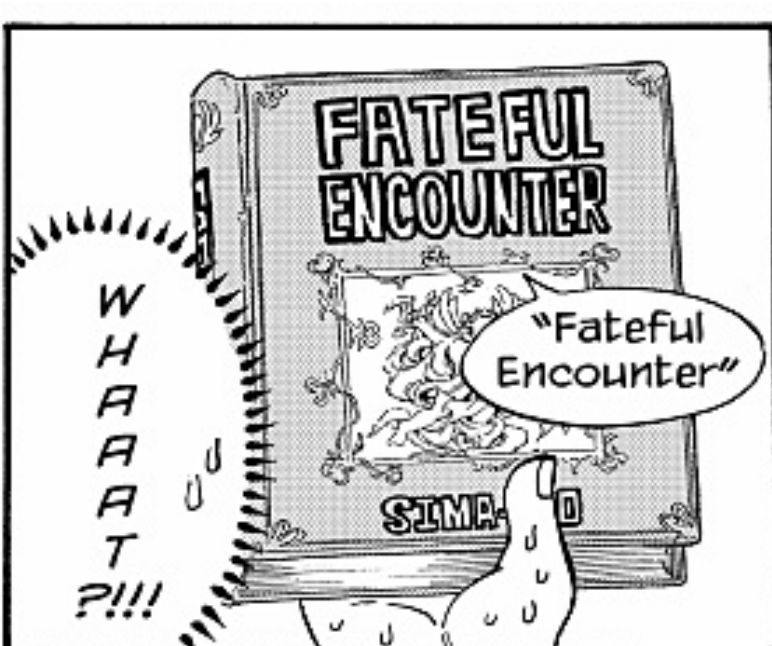
Hmm...

N-
Nothing!
I am
not...

What're
you
turning
red for?







I'm writing a novel while I travel.



I was wondering if you could help me find my way around town?

Wh-Why me?!!

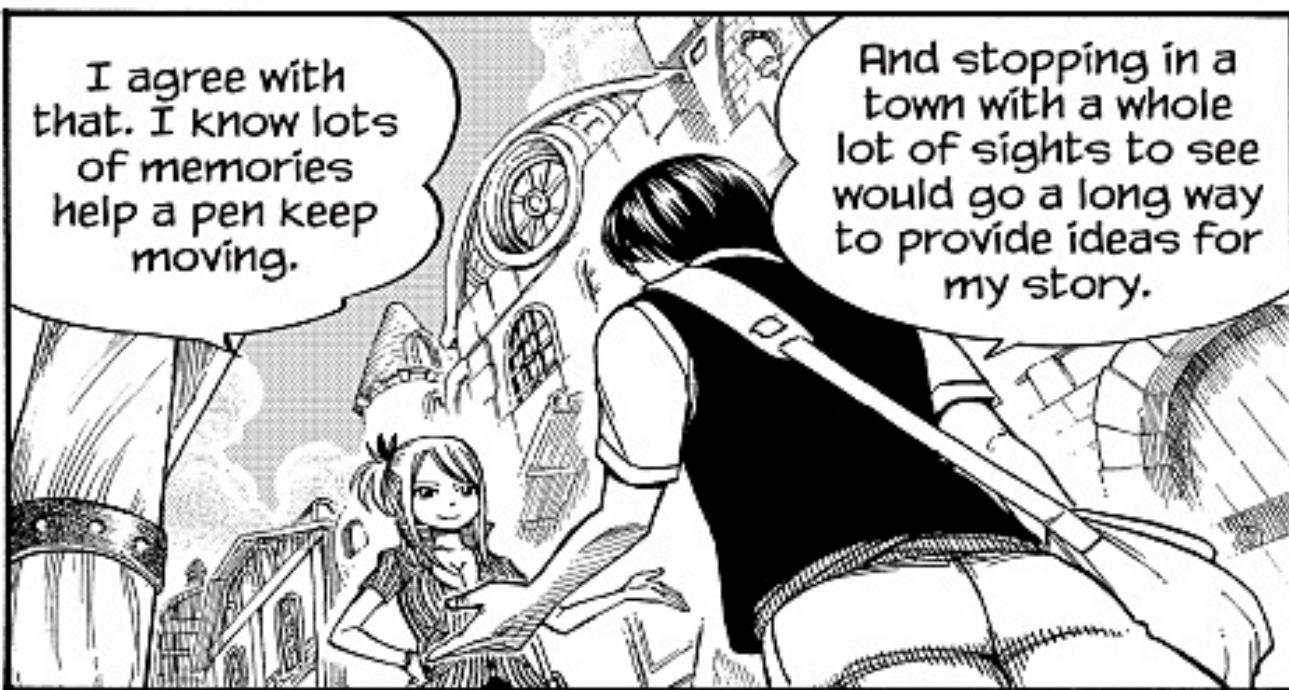


Yes...

Are you...from around here?



I agree with that. I know lots of memories help a pen keep moving.



And stopping in a town with a whole lot of sights to see would go a long way to provide ideas for my story.

A novel...?



Then why don't I... give you the book we found back there.

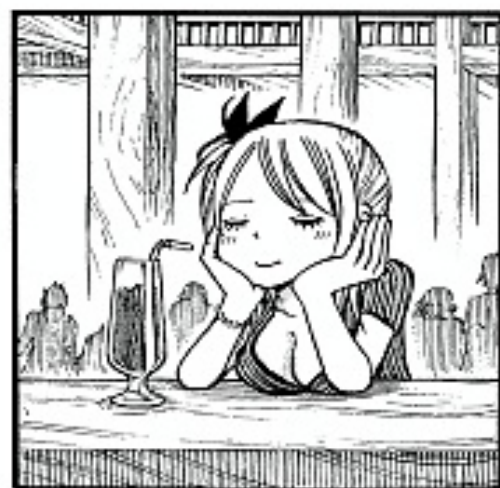
And in exchange, how about you show me around for a day?



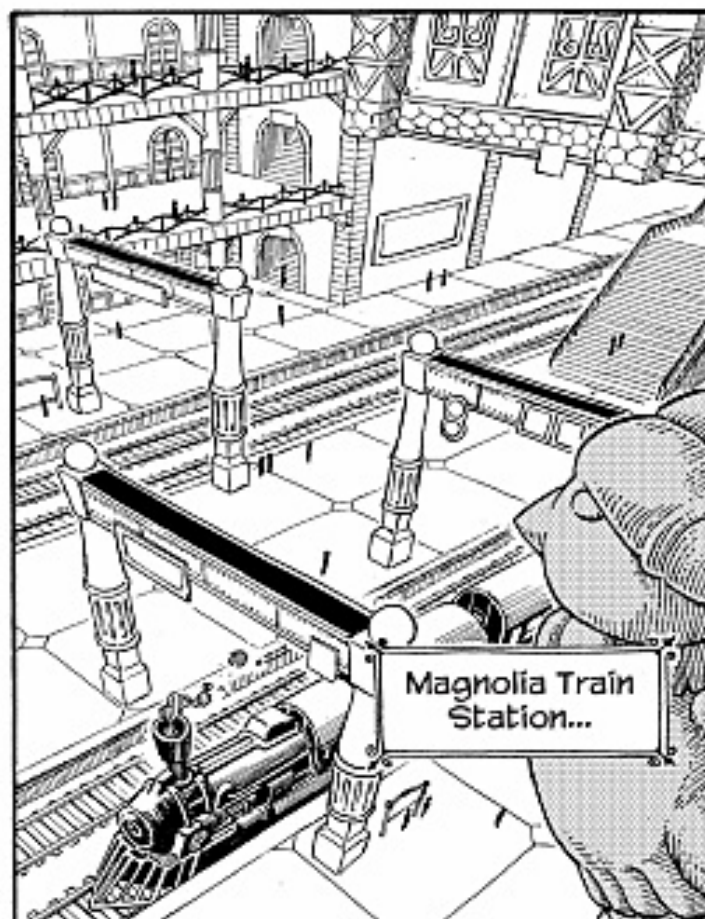
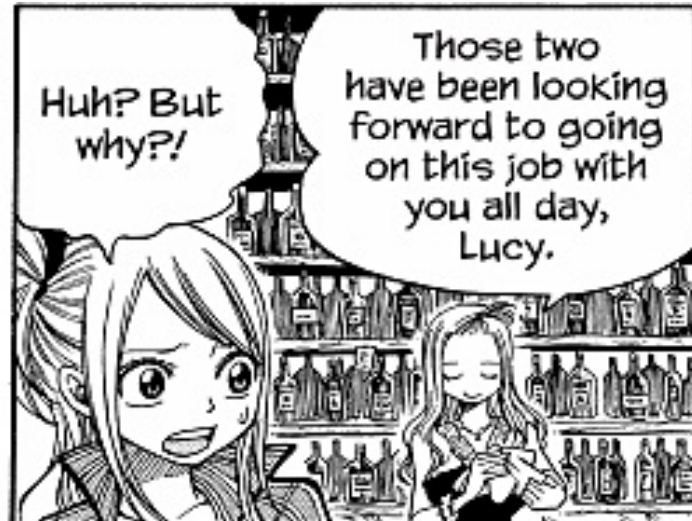
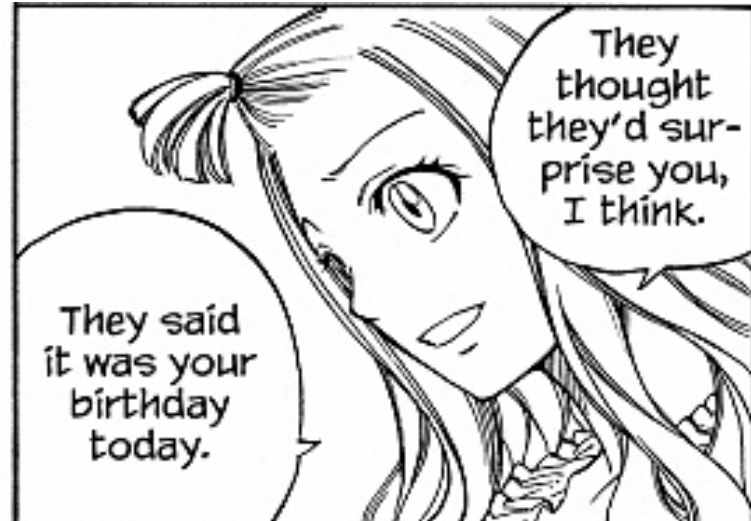
Yeah, well... kind of.

Wait, you're not a writer too, are you?











Lucy
?!!!

Sorry
to keep
you
waiting.



*It's
been exactly
a year since
you were born
as a Fairy
Tail Wizard,
right?*



*It is
your
birth-
day!*



Forget
it. But
you know
today...

...isn't my
birthday.

You
had an
appoint-
ment...



Wow! You're
just my
type!

Lucy told
me to come
instead.
I'm Cana.

★The End★



*It was
one
year
ago
today!*

No,
I am
not!

Lucy?
Are you
crying?

HEH!

CHOO
CHOO



*The day
of my
fateful
encoun-
ter...*

*That's
right!*

Afterword

あとがき

My room's a mess... I know it's been written about in places before, but there are really people out there who can't clean up. Um...me, for instance. Every two to three months, I get the entire staff to help out, and we do a grand cleaning of our workplace. And it's about then that I think, "This time, I'll make sure the place doesn't get cluttered up!!" But before I know it, there's stuff all over the place, and it looks like a wreck again. Of course I like it better when it's clean, but there are reference materials and drawing implements... I always want to put them someplace close where I can get my hands on them quickly, and before I know it, it's chaos around my desk... And it was in that awful state that I suddenly had a guest come by!! I was so embarrassed, and I felt bad for the guest, so I bowed and bowed, apologizing! Arrgh! Well next time, it won't get cluttered!!

On a different subject, a while ago, I wrote about how I got a new paint tool program for my computer, and I've been studying it ever since. But then I thought I'd try out a different one, and I decided to try to color it in Photoshop this time. Once I tried it, I have to say that PS is a pretty fantastic paint tool with a different flavor all its own! Of course I'm still studying the program I've been using for years, Painter. Hm... I wonder if somebody can teach these to me. Studying on my own is a pretty painful process...



At the Fairy Tail Counter



: Oh... Heavy!



: Lucy! Over here! Over here!

LUCY: This box... What's inside it?

MIRA: It's letters from the readers with their questions, of course!



: Th-That many...?!!

MIRA: Well, this manga still has plenty of places to complain about!



: Say, "Mysteries," okay?!!

MIRA: Now let's take a look at the first question.

If Racer only slows everything down within a certain area, wouldn't Gray's arrow get slowed when it enters the area too?



: What? *Another* Racer question?



: We do get a lot of questions about this.

LUCY: Well, it does seem strange!! Racer might have been able to avoid the arrow!

MIRA: Subjective speed is the point here. By subjective, I mean the speed your body feels it to be.

LUCY: Aye?

MIRA: So it isn't that Lyon or Gray were really going that slowly. It's that they were made to think that Racer was incredibly fast! And that was just a mistake they initially made.

LUCY: Yes, yes...

MIRA: And so, since a physical object such as an arrow has no thoughts to trick, the magic had no effect on it.



: I think I see... But I empathize. It must be very hard trying to make these mistakes seem consistent.



: You know you're not supposed to say that!

LUCY: Next question.

Continued on the right-hand page.

Nirvana's leg-like things... Did they go from 8 legs to 6? (sweat)



Mira:

Lucy:



: Um... About that...



: I'm impressed, Mira-san! You're going to try to explain that one?



: While it was walking, two legs, like, fell off? Maybe?



: Well, *that* wouldn't happen!!!!

Mira: Yes, that must be it! Let's just stick with that!

Lucy: Okay, how about this? It needed to get to Cait Shelter as quickly as possible, so it transformed its *shape*, removing two legs!

Mira: On to the last question!

Lucy: Wait a second!!!!

It seems to me that there is absolutely no family resemblance between Brain and Midnight.



Mira: Oh, that...



: What's the matter, Mira-san?

Mira: You see, there's a bit of conceptual stuff here that never made it into the actual story.

Lucy: Ehh?!!

Mira: A lot happened in between, and it got cut, but the Oración Seis were originally supposed to have been children that Brain led out of the Tower of Heaven.

Lucy: Ehh?!!

Mira: They were supposed to be five children of extraordinary magical talent that he banded together and raised.

Lucy: That's kind of sad!

Mira: So for all of them, Brain is something of a father figure.



: So Brain and Midnight actually *aren't* father and son?



: That's right.

Lucy: Wow! So people who don't read this extra or the people who only read it in the magazine would always be under the impression that they're related!

Mira: Now don't you feel special for having this info?

Lucy: But now the info seems a bit iffy...

Mira: And in future editions, we'll give you even more background and conceptual information! How about that?!

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FAIRY GUILD



Aomori Prefecture, French Bread

▼ Dwaah! It's got too much power!! It's huge!!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kenta Noro

▼ Hibiki who has quietly gained a lot of fans. But he's hard to draw.



Nagasaki Prefecture, Alice

▼ Here's a strangely cute Erza!

REJECTION CORNER

This one just sort of struck me as funny...
D-Dammit, he's so boxy...
Heh heh!



Tokyo, Yukko-mat

▼ Both Santa and the snowman are Plue!



Hokkaido, Seiko Sato

▼ Read the question corner that these two head up also, okay?



Yamagata Prefecture, Rina

Any letters and post cards you send means that your personal information such as your name, address, postal code, and other information you include will be handed over, as is, to the author. When you send mail, please keep that in mind.

▼ Cute and really well done!



Okayama Prefecture, Nanami Yamamoto

TAIL

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Tokyo, Koki Kurosawa

▼ Scorpio and Aquarius! What a great-looking couple... maybe?



Gifu Prefecture, Aikoka

▼ Oh...! Is that a message for me? Thanks! I'll do my best!



Nagano Prefecture, Tana

▼ Whooooa! This fires me up! This is how Natsu is supposed to be!



Aichi Prefecture, Kasumi Hanaji

▼ Ice Make...er... What's he making?



Yamagata Prefecture, Aya

▼ For some reason, I get a lot of pictures with Lucy in school-girl outfits.



Shizuoka Prefecture, Hibiki Ueyanagi

▼ It's rare to see a drawing of Lucy! I hear she has more of a part in the anime.



Chiba Prefecture, Misaki Kobayashi

▼ As I drew this volume, I realized I really like these two!



Gunma Prefecture, Mimi ★

▼ Lyon and Sherry make a good couple... but just as you think that...

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

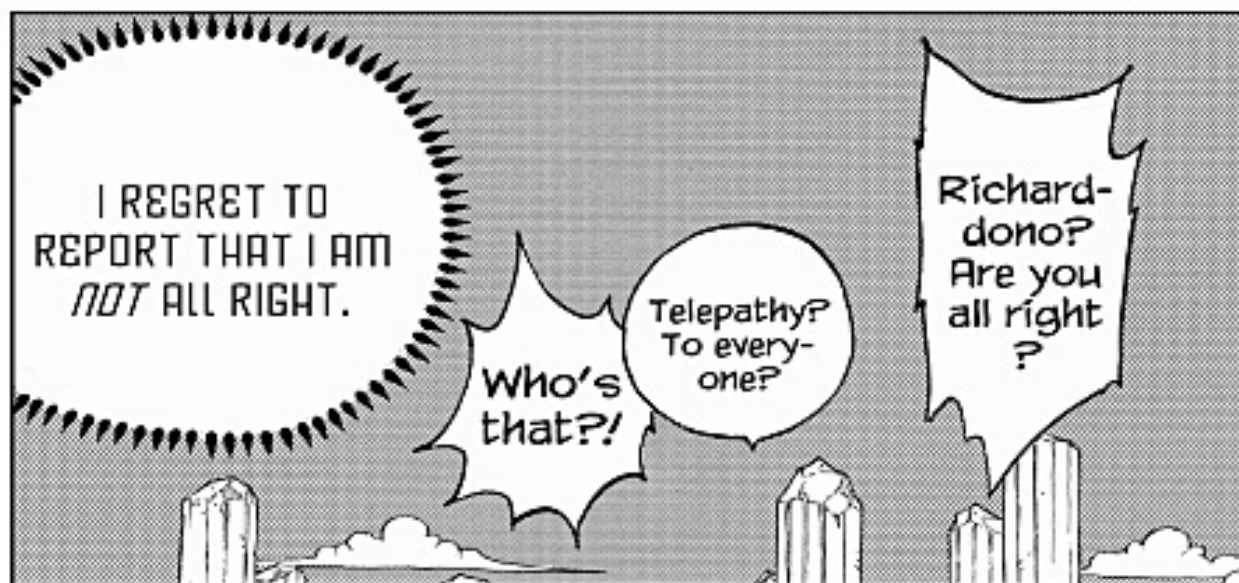
Page 4, Nabura

Although in Japanese, there is a word, *nabura*, that's a technical word in the world of fishing. It seems to have nothing to do with the *nabura* that Master Robaul keeps repeating. This is called a *kuchiguse* ("mouth habit") or a word that the speaker is just in the habit of saying. As the other members of his guild note, it doesn't have any meaning that anyone can completely define. So if you don't understand the word *nabura*, you're not alone. Neither do the Japanese readers, nor do I.



Page 11, Richard-dono

The honorific *-dono* is a somewhat archaic word that Jura (and some other manga/anime characters) uses. It means about the same thing as *-sama*. See more on this in the notes for Volume 18.



Page 178, Reaching for the same book

This trope (an often-used story-telling cliché) is used almost as often as the "transfer student" in Japanese story telling. It's especially overused in Japanese romantic comedies in live-action TV and films. The lure of the trope is obvious - not only do both parties share an interest in reading, but they are also interested in exactly the same book, showing a certain compatibility. Plus it allows the soon-to-be-romantic couple to touch for the first time. But as Lucy said, it's used so often that it's an old, worn-out cliché.



Like one of those old clichéd plot twists from a novel?



And somebody will reach for the very same book...like that huh?



Like I'm going to pick a book...



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



After I realized that I hadn't eaten a banana in a very long time, I sort of got the urge and drew this picture. Even so, it isn't like I suddenly got the urge to eat bananas. But it isn't like I hate them or anything. Still, once I drew the picture, I felt completely satisfied. And the phrase, "I can't resist the cute ones!"... I wrote it, and no, I have no idea what it's supposed to mean.

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HIRO MASHIMA

Natsu Dragneel is shown from the chest up, shouting with his mouth wide open. His spiky black hair is prominent, and his eyes are wide. He has a determined and urgent expression. The background is filled with radiating lines, suggesting a powerful shout or action.

Every-
body,
do your
part!

It's
time!!!

Erza Scarlet is shown from the chest up, holding a key in her right hand. She has long, flowing blonde hair and is looking towards the left with a determined expression. The key is a simple, straight metal rod. The background is dark with some radiating lines.

Taurus
!!!!

Open!!!
Golden
Bovine
Gate...

A close-up of Natsu Dragneel's face, showing his eyes and nose. He has a determined and intense expression, with his mouth slightly open. The background is dark with some radiating lines.

Perfume of
Strength,
enact!!!!

Ngoooo
oooooo
ooooo!

Erza Scarlet is shown from the chest up, holding a key in her right hand. She has long, flowing blonde hair and is looking towards the left with a determined expression. The key is a simple, straight metal rod. The background is dark with some radiating lines.

Natsu!

'Roar of the Sky Dragon

Erza Scarlet is shown from the chest up, shouting with her mouth wide open. She has long, flowing blonde hair and a determined expression. Her right hand is clenched into a fist. The background is filled with radiating lines, suggesting a powerful shout or action.

Tenryû no
Hôkô*...

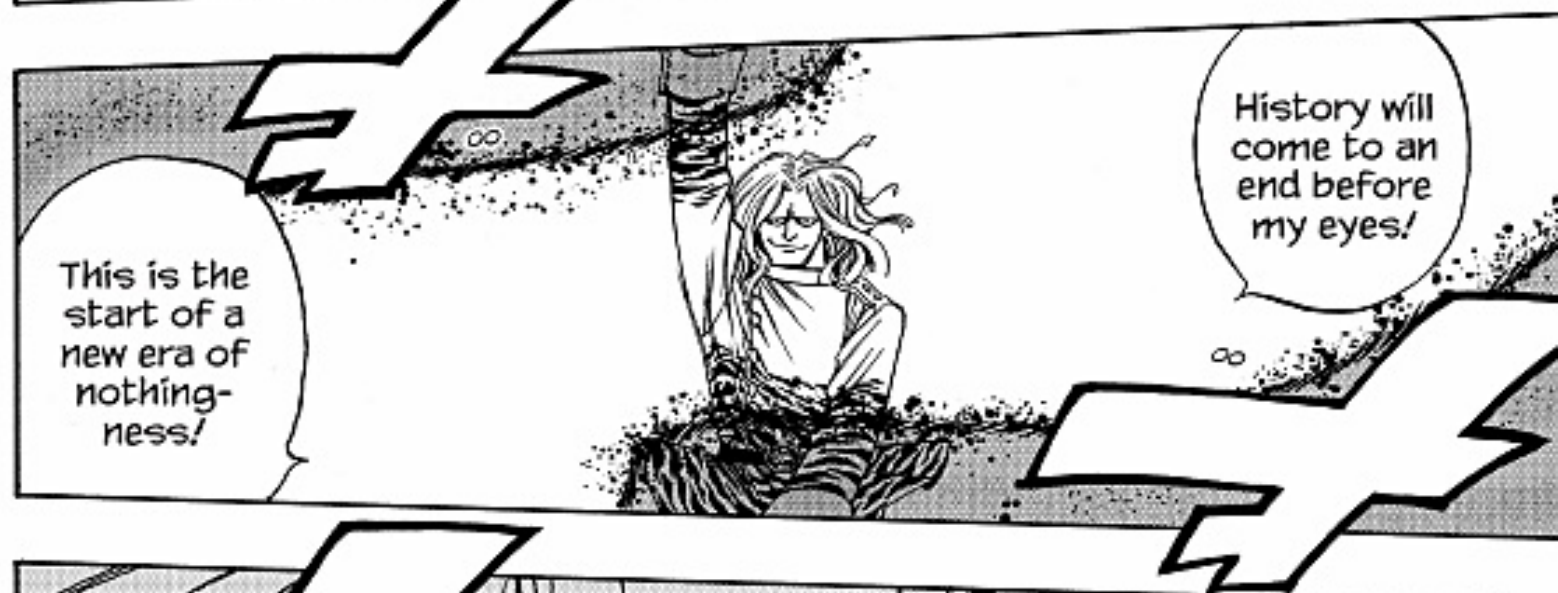


Chapter 161, Fight for Right





O
h
h
h
h
h
!!!



This is the
start of a
new era of
nothing-
ness!

History will
come to an
end before
my eyes!



GENESIS
ZERO
!!!!





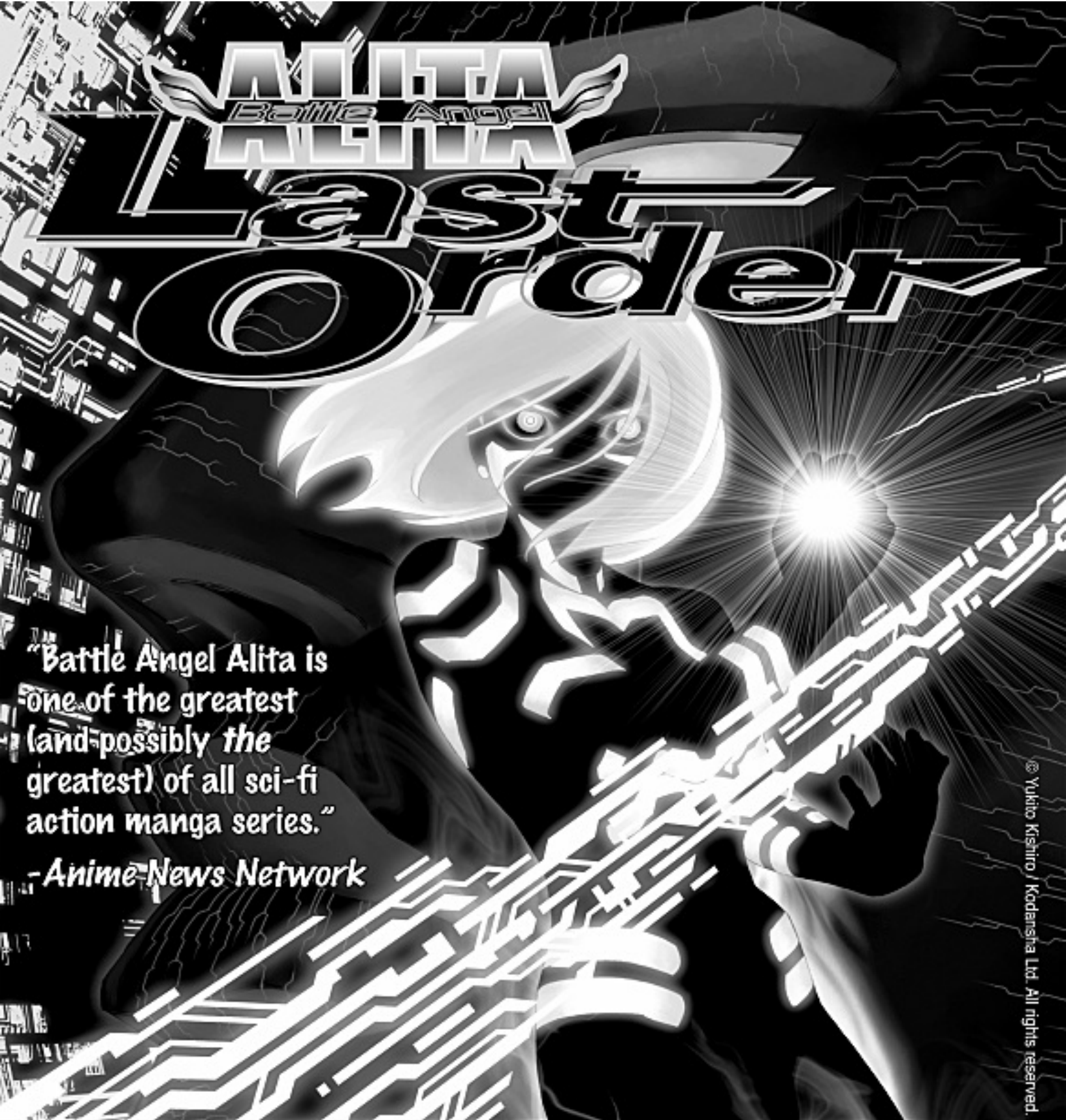


*In the
name
of
Zero
!!!*



*GWAHH
!!!*





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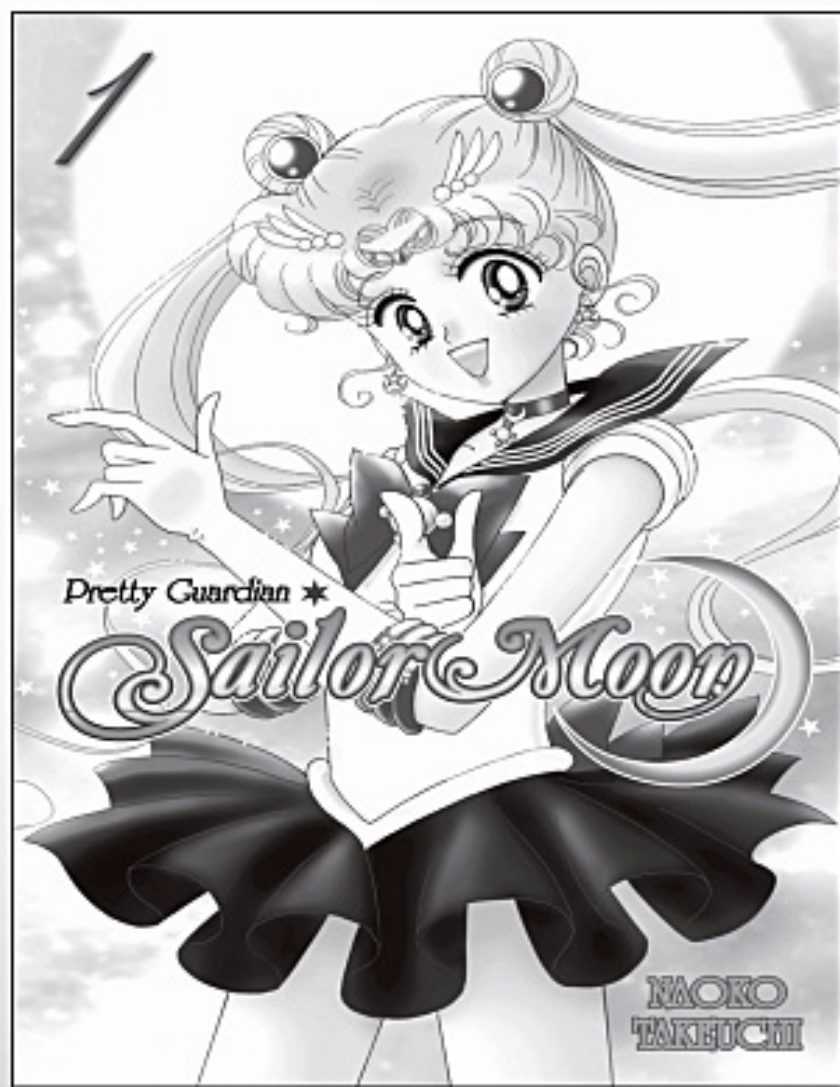
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